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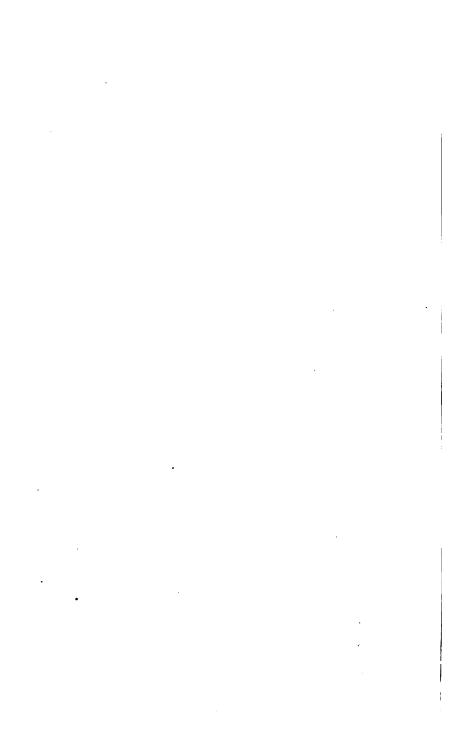
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PREFACE

THE twelfth edition of the "General Railway Acts" was published in October, 1866, having been carefully revised and corrected, so as to include all the existing enactments affecting railways in England and Ireland, complete to the close of 1866.

In Sessions 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871 thirty-one statutes were passed, in whole or in part, affecting railways in England and Ireland. If these statutes had been annually incorporated in the volume published in 1866, it would have necessitated the publication of new editions, which would have superseded the twelfth edition, so that all the volumes since purchased would have been imperfect, and the purchase of a copy of the new edition would have in most cases been necessary.

To avoid the necessity of the too frequent publication of new editions, it has been decided in cases similar to the present, to issue a supplement to the previous edition, containing the new enactments, the purchase of which will, on the present occasion, complete the enactments affecting railways in England and Ireland, to the close of 1871.

The editor believes that this course has met with the approval of the numerous purchasers of the twelfth edition of the work, with many of whom he has been in communication, to whom he is greatly indebted, and to whose wishes he is at all times desirous to defer.

JAMES BIGG.

Parliament Street, October, 1871.

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- 1 & 2 Vict. c. 98. Conveyance of Mails. Amended by 31 & 32 Vict. c. 119, ss. 36, 37.
- 8 & 4 Vict. c. 97. Regulation of Railways. Sect. 20 repealed. 81 & 32 Vict.
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- 7 & 8 Vict. c. 85. Regulation of Railways. Amended as to Railway Companies in Ireland, by 30 & 31 Vict. c. 104.—sect. 12 to be applicable to the conveyance by Railway, of the Reserve Force, 80 & 31 Vict.
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- 30 & 31 Vict., c. 127, ss. 24, 27.—Amended by 32 & 33 Vict. c. 48. 27 & 28 Vict. c. 71. Railways (Ireland). Amended as to the trial of
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- 29 & 30 Vict. c. 95. Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Advances. Period extended for repsyment of advances, 80 & 31
- Vict. c. 108, s. 2; 31 & 32 Vict. c. 94, s. 2.

LABOURING CLASSES DWELLING HOUSES. 1867.

30 & 31 Vict. Cap. 28. An Act to amend "The Labouring Classes Dwellings Acts, 1866." [17th June, 1867.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and Commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Labouring Classes Short title.

Dwelling Houses Act, 1867."

2. In the fourth section of "The Labouring Classes Defining meaning of Dwelling Houses Act, 1866," the words "land or dwell-certain ings for the purposes of which the advance is made," and terms in 29 in the twelfth section of "The Labouring Classes Lodg- co. 28. and ing Houses and Dwellings Act (Ireland), 1866," the 44. words "lands, buildings, or premises for the purpose of which such advance shall be made," shall respectively be construed to include any land, buildings, or premises held together with and for the same estate and interest as the lands, buildings, or premises upon which the money advanced is to be expended under the provisions of the said acts respectively.

3. In the case of an advance under the provisions of In case of 3. In the case of an advance under the provisions of advances teither of the said acts to a company or society, any part company, of whose capital remains uncalled up or unpaid, it shall part of be lawful, in England for the public works loan commis- talis unpaid, sioners, and in Ireland for the public works commission- loan comers, to dispense with a mortgage of such capital remaining missioners uncalled up or unpaid, or of such part thereof as they pense with may think fit.

4. Notwithstanding the fifty-third section of "The Extending Labouring Classes Lodging Houses Act, 1851," all the 29 & 30 Vict. provisions of "The Labouring Classes Dwelling Houses land, Act, 1863," so far as they are applicable to Scotland, shall be deemed and construed to extend and apply to Scotland.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLEMENTAL (No. 5.), 1867.

30 & 31 Vict. Cap. 83. An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders under "The Local Government Act, 1858," relating to the districts of Ramsgate, Tunbridge Wells, Bognor, Newport, Chesterfield, Malvern, Great Harwood and Harrow, and for other purposes relating to certain districts under that Act [so far as it affects the London and North-Western Railway Company.]

[12th August, 1867.]

As to covering tank and deodorization of sewage of Harrow district.

15. The local board of health in and for the district of Harrow in the county of Middlesex shall well and effectually cover over, and at all times keep so covered over, any sewage tank, reservoir, or other works to be constructed on the pieces of land described in the schedule to the Harrow order in this act contained and thereby proposed to be purchased, and shall at all times in the removal and dispersion of sewage matter from any such tank, reservoir, or works adopt such means, by deodorization or otherwise, for the purpose of neutralizing any nuisance which might otherwise arise therefrom as shall from time to time be agreed upon by the respective principal engineers for the time being of the London and North-western railway company and of the aforesaid Harrow local board of health, or in the event of their not agreeing then as shall be determined by an engineer to be appointed by the board of trade on the application of either the railway company aforesaid or of the said local board of health; and all such works and acts shall be in all things at the expense of the said local board of health, but the costs of any such reference shall be in the discretion of such engineer so to be appointed as aforesaid.

INLAND REVENUE, 1867.

30 & 31 Vict. Cap. 90. An Act to alter certain duties, and to amend the laws relating to the Inland Revenue, [so far as it affects railways.] [12th August, 1867.]

As to stamps.

20. From and after the passing of this Act the follow- Stamp duing documents shall be charged with the stamp duty of the granted one penny, that is to say

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documents.

Letter of allotment of any share of any company or Letters of proposed company, or in respect of any loan raised allotment. or proposed to be raised by any such company, or letter of allotment issued or delivered in the united kingdom of any share of any foreign or colonial company or proposed company, or in respect of any loan raised or proposed to be raised by or on behalf of any foreign or colonial government, state, company, or corporation; and the term "letter of allotment" herein-before used shall include letter of renunciation or other document having the effect of a letter of allotment in favour of any person:

Scrip certificate or other document entitling any per- scrip Certison to become the proprietor of any share of any ficates. company or proposed company, or scrip certificate or other document issued or delivered in the united kingdom, entitling any person to become the proprietor of any share of any foreign or colonial com-

pany or proposed company:

Scrip or other document denoting or intended to de-Serip. note the right of any person as a subscriber in respect of any loan raised or proposed to be raised by any company, or any scrip or other document issued or delivered in the united kingdom denoting or intended to denote the right of any person as a subscriber in respect of any loan raised or proposed to be raised by or on behalf of any foreign or colonial government, state, company, or corporation.

21. If any person shall sign, grant, issue, or deliver Penalty for any document chargeable with stamp duty under the the docuprovisions of the section lastly herein-before contained, ments before the same shall be duly stamped for denoting the charged unsaid duty, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty pounds.

30 & 31 Viot. c. 90. i.

RAILWAYS (IRELAND), 1867.

80 & 31 Vict. Cap. 104. An Act to amend and extend as to Railways in Ireland the provisions of an Act of the seventh and eighth years of Victoria, intituled an Act to attach certain conditions to the construction of future Railways authorized or to be authorized by any Act of the present or succeeding Sessions of Parliament; and for other purposes in relation to Railways.

[15th August, 1867.]

7 & 8 Vict. e. 85.

Whereas it is expedient to amend an Act passed in the session of parliament holden in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of her present majesty, intituled "An Act to attach certain Conditions to the Construction of future Railways authorized or to be authorized by any Act of the present or succeeding Sessions of Parliament; and for other purposes in relation to Railways," so far as the same relates to the furnishing of accounts to the commissioners of her majesty's treasury by railway companies in Ireland:

Be it enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty. by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Power to treasury to call for accounts of any rail-WAY COMpany in Ire-

1. It shall be lawful for the commissioners of her majesty's treasury to direct any railway company in Ireland to furnish to them, on such day as they shall appoint, a full and true account of all moneys received and paid during a period of three years previous to the date of the last half-yearly account of such company on account of such railway or of any undertaking connected therewith (distinguishing, if the said railway shall be a branch railway or one worked in common with other Railways, the receipts, and giving an estimate of the expenses, on account of the said railway, from those on account of the trunk line or other railways,) by the directors of the company to whom such railway belongs or by whom the same may be worked; and also an account of the assets and liabilities of such company, at such time or times during the said period as the said commissioners shall specify; and such accounts shall be 80 & 81 Vict. c. 104. i.

duly audited and certified under the hands of two or 30 & 31 Vior. more of the directors of such company.

2. It shall be lawful for the commissioners of her majesty's treasury, if and when they shall think fit, to ap- treasury to point any proper person or persons for all or any of the appoint perpurposes following; that is to say,

To inspect the accounts and books of any railway counts, &c. company in Ireland during the period of three years of railway previous to the date of the last half-yearly account in Ireland.

of such company;

To examine the railway, stations, works, buildings, engines, carriages, and other property, of whatsoever kind, belonging to any railway company in Ireland:

And any person so appointed may at all reasonable times, upon producing his authority, if required, inspect the books, accounts, and vouchers, and other documents of such company, at the principal place of business of such company, and may take copies or extracts therefrom, and enter upon and examine the railway or railways, and the stations, works, and buildings belonging to such company, and may inspect the engines and carriages and other property, of whatever kind, belonging to such company; and every such person may call for the production of any books, accounts, vouchers, or documents in the possession or power of such company which he may think necessary for the purpose of determining any question or questions connected with the inspection or examination which he is authorized to make, and may examine any person touching any matters connected therewith on oath, and may administer the oaths necessary for that purpose.

POOR LAW AMENDMENT, 1867.

30 & 31 Vict., Cap. 106. An Act to make the Poor Law Board permanent, and to provide sundry amendments in the laws for the Relief of the Poor—[so far as it relates to Railways].

[20th August, 1867.]

Voting of corporations and joint stock companies as ratepayers. 10. Where any corporation aggregate, joint stock or other company, commissioners, or public trustees, shall be rated, any officer of such corporation, company, commissioners, or public trustees from time to time appointed by the governing body thereof whose name shall be sent in writing to the overseers before the first day of March in any year, to be entered in the rate book under the name of such corporation, company, commissioners, or public trustees, shall be entilled to vote in respect of the property assessed, as if he were assessed in his own name for the same, and in the case of a parish divided into wards shall vote in that ward where the principal office of the corporation, company, commissioners, or public trustees shall be situated, if any, or otherwise in that ward where the greatest part of the property assessed shall be situated.

RESERVE FORCE, 1867.

30 & 31 Vict. Cap. 110. An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for rendering effective the service of Chelsea and Naval Out-Pensioners, and Pensioners of the East India Company, and for establishing a Reserve Force of men who have been in Her Majesty's service [so far as relates to Railways]. [20th August, 1867.]

16. For the purposes of all enactments relating to Provisions turnpike roads and to tolls, the men enrolled and officers of turnpike and non-commissioned officers appointed under this act acts as to while on duty, or going to or returning from any place soldiers to of training and exercise, or of permanent, voluntary, or apply to the other service, shall be deemed soldiers and officers of this act. her majesty on duty, and all such enactments having reference to officers and soldiers on duty shall be construed accordingly; and the enactments for the time being in force concerning the conveyance by railway of 7 & 8 Vict. a. her majesty's forces of the line, and their baggage, stores, 85, a. 12. arms, ammunition, and other necessaries and things, shall apply to the conveyance of the reserve force, their baggage, stores, arms, ammunition, necessaries, and things, and as well with respect to the officers and noncommissioned officers appointed under this act as with respect to the men enrolled in such force.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, ANIMALS, 1867.

30 & 31 Vict., Cap. 125. An Act to continue and amend the Acts relating to Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals [so far as relates to Bailways].

[20th August, 1867.]

Exception for railways.

23. The rules of this act with respect to infected places shall not restrict the moving of any animal or thing by railway through an infected place, such animal or thing not being stopped within the infected place.

Cleansing of Pens and Trucks.

Railway companies to disinfect carriages, boats, &c.

48. It shall be the duty of every railway or other company and every person carrying animals for hire to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect, in such manner as the privy council from time to time by order direct, all pens, carriages, trucks, horse-boxes, vehicles, and boats used by such company or person for the carrying of animals.

If any company or person on any occasion fails to comply with the requisitions of any such order, such company or person shall on every such occasion be deemed guilty of an offence against this act.

Section ten of the Cattle Diseases Prevention Act, 1866, shall extend to authorize entry by any such person as therein described on premises where he has reasonable grounds for supposing that any such pen, carriage, truck, horse-box, vehicle, or boat is to be found, and that in respect thereof any company or person has on any occasion failed to comply with the requisitions of any such order.

RAILWAY COMPANIES (SCOTLAND), 1867.

- 30 & 31 Vict. Cap. 126. An Act to amend the Law relating to Bailway Companies in Scotland [so far as it relates to Bailways in England]. [20th August, 1867.]
- 21. Where a company whose principal office is situate Provision in Scotland have a railway or part of a railway in where rail-England the following provisions shall have effect:

 way or part

(1.) Any petition for the approval and confirmation of in England.

a scheme under this act shall be presented to
the court of session:

- (2.) Where, after the presenting of any such petition, any person who is not amenable to the jurisdiction of the court of session brings an action or institutes any other proceeding against the company in England, the court of chancery may, on the application of the company on summons or motion, in a summary way, restrain the same, on such terms as the court thinks fit:
- (8.) Notice of the presenting of the petition shall be published in the London Gazette, and after such publication no execution, attachment, or other process against the property of the company in England shall be available for any person who is not amenable to the jurisdiction of the court of session without the leave of the court of chancery, to be obtained on summons or motion in a summary way.

RAILWAY COMPANIES, 1867.

30 & 31 Vict. Cap. 127. An Act to amend the Law relating to Railway Companies.

[20th August, 1867.]

BE it enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Preliminary.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as The Railway Companies Act, 1867.

Extent of set. Interpreta-

tion of

terms.

2. Except as in this act expressly otherwise provided, this act shall not extend to Scotland.

3. In this Act-

The term "company" means a railway company; that is to say, a company constituted by act of parliament, or by certificate under act of parliament, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, or working a railway (either alone or in conjunction with any other purpose):
The term "action" includes suit or other proceeding:

The term "judgment" includes decree, order, or rule:

The term "share" includes stock :

The term "person" includes corporation:

The term "court of chancery" or "court" means the court of chancery in England or Ireland, as the case requires:

The term "gazette" means, with respect to England, the London Gazette, and with respect to Ireland, the Dublin Gazette.

Protection of rolling stock and plant.

Restriction on execution against personal property of company.

4. The engines, tenders, carriages, trucks, machinery, tools, fittings, materials and effects, constituting the rolling stock and plant used or provided by a company for the purposes of the traffic on their railway, or or their stations or workshops, shall not, after their railway or any part thereof is open for public traffic, be liable to be taken in execution at law or in equity at any time after the passing of this act, and before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

To be read " 1870." Se " 1870." See 81 & 82 Vict. 31 & 32 Vict. c. 127. i. 6. 79.

where the judgment on which execution issues is re- 30 & 31 Viox. covered in an action on a contract entered into after the passing of this act, or in an action not on a contract commenced after the passing of this act; but the person who has recovered any such judgment may obtain the appointment of a receiver, and, if necessary, of a manager, of the undertaking of the company, on application by petition in a summary way to the court of chancery in England or in Ireland, according to the situation of the railway of the company; and all money received by such receiver or manager shall, after due provision for the working expenses of the railway and other proper outgoings in respect of the undertaking, be applied and distributed under the direction of the court in payment of the debts of the company and otherwise according to the rights and priorities of the persons for the time being interested therein; and on payment of the amount due to every such judgment creditor as aforesaid the court may, if it think fit, discharge such receiver or such receiver and manager.

5. If in any case where property of a company has Determinabeen taken in execution a question arises whether or not tion of questions reit is liable to be so taken notwithstanding this act, the specting same may be heard and determined on an application by executions. either party by summons in a summary way to the court out of which the execution issued, or if the court is one of the superior courts of law, then to a judge of any one of those courts, and such determination shall be final and binding.

Arrangements.

6. Where a company are unable to meet their engage- Preparation ments with their creditors the directors may prepare a and filing of scheme of arrangement between the company and their arrangecreditors (with or without provisions for settling and ment. defining any rights of shareholders of the company as among themselves, and for raising, if necessary, additional share and loan capital, or either of them), and may file the same in the court of chancery in England or in Ireland, according to the situation of the principal office of the company, with a declaration in writing under the common seal of the company to the effect that the company are unable to meet their engagements with their creditors, and with an affidavit of the truth of such declaration made by the chairman of the board of directors and by the other directors or the major part in number of them, to the best of their respective judgment and belief.

7. After the filing of the scheme, the court may, on Stay of the application of the company on summons or motion actions.

30 & 31 Vior. c. 127. ii.

CAP. 127.

30 & 81 Vict. in a summary way, restrain any action against the company on such terms as the court thinks fit.

Notice in gazette.

8. Notice of the filing of the scheme shall be published in the gazette.

Stay of executions. &a.

9. After such publication of notice no execution, attachment, or other process against the property of the company shall be available without leave of the court, to be obtained on summons or motion in a summary

Assent by mortgagees,

10. The scheme shall be deemed to be assented to by the holders of mortgages or bonds issued under the authority of the company's special acts when it is assented to in writing by three-fourths in value of the holders of such mortgages or bonds, and shall be deemed to be assented to by the holders of debenture stock of the company when it is assented to in writing by threefourths in value of the holders of such stock.

Assent by holders of rentcharge, den.

11. Where any rentcharge or other payment is charged on receipts of or is payable by the company in consideration of the purchase of the undertaking of another comrany, the scheme shall be deemed to be assented to by the holders of such rentcharge or other payment when it is assented to in writing by three-fourths in value of such holders.

Assent by preference shareholders.

12. The scheme shall be deemed to be assented to by the guaranteed or preference shareholders of the company when it is assented to in writing as follows:—if there is only one class of guaranteed or preference shareholders, then by three-fourths in value of that class, and if there are more classes of guaranteed or preference shareholders than one, then by three-fourths in value of each such class.

Assent by ordinary shareholders.

13. The scheme shall be deemed to be assented to by the ordinary shareholders of the company when it is assented to at an extraordinary general meeting of the company specially called for that purpose.

Assent by leasing company.

14. Where the company are lessees of a railway the scheme shall be deemed to be assented to by the leasing company when it is assented to as follows:

In writing by three-fourths in value of the holders of mortgages, bonds, and debenture stock of the

leasing company:

If there is only one class of guaranteed or preference shareholders of the leasing company, then in writing by three-fourths in value of that class, and if there are more classes of guaranteed or preference shareholders in the leasing company than one, then in writing by three-fourths in value of each such class:

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By the ordinary shareholders of the leasing company 30 & 31 Vice. at an extraordinary general meeting of that com-

pany specially called for that purpose.

15. Provided that the assent to the scheme of any Assent of class of holders of mortgages, bonds, or debenture stock, &c. not or of any class of holders of a rentcharge or other pay- affected, unment as aforesaid, or of any class of guaranteed or pre-necessary. ference shareholders, or of a leasing company, shall not be requisite in case the scheme does not prejudically affect any right or interest of such class or com-

16. If at any time within three months after the filing Application of the scheme, or within such extended time as the court atton of from time to time thinks fit to allow, the directors of the scheme. company consider the scheme to be assented to as by this Act required, they may apply to the court by petition in a summary way for confirmation of the scheme.

Notice of any such application, when intended, shall

be published in the gazette.

17. After hearing the directors, and any creditors, Confirmashareholders, or other parties whom the court thinks tion of entitled to be heard on the application, the court, if satisfied that the scheme has been within three months after the filing of it, or such extended time (if any) as the court has allowed, assented to as required by this Act, and that no sufficient objection to the scheme has been established, may confirm the scheme.

18. The scheme when confirmed shall be enrolled in Enrolment the court, and thenceforth the same shall be binding and and effect of scheme. offectual to all intents, and the provisions thereof shall, against and in favour of the company and all parties assenting thereto or bound thereby, have the like effect as if they had been enacted by parliament.

19. Notice of the confirmation and enrolment of the Notice of

scheme shall be published in the gazette.

20. The company shall at all times keep at their Company to principal office printed copies of the scheme, when con- keep printed firmed and enrolled, and shall sell such copies to all per- copies of sons desiring to buy the same at a reasonable price, not sale. exceeding sixpence for each copy.

If the company fail to comply with this provision they Penalty for shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, and to a further penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which such failure continues after the first penalty is incurred, which penalties shall be recovered and applied as penalties under The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, are recoverable and applicable.

21. Where a company whose principal office is situate Provision for 80 & 31 Vict. c. 127. iv.

80 & 81 Vict. in England have a railway or part of a railway in Scotcar. 127. land the following provisions shall have effect:

railways or part in Scotland. (1.) Any scheme under this Act shall be filed in the court of chancery in England:

- (2.) Where, after the filing of the scheme, any person who is not amenable to the jurisdiction of the court of chancery in England brings any action against the company in Scotland, the court of session may, on the application of the company by petition in a summary way, sist, stay, or interdict the same on such terms as the court thinks fit:
- (3.) Notice of the filing of the scheme shall be published in the Edinburgh gazette, and after such publication no diligence against the property of the company in Scotland shall be available for any person who is not amenable to the jurisdiction of the court of chancery in England without the leave of the court of session, to be obtained on petition in a summary way:

In this section the term "court of session" means either division of the court of session, or in time of vaca-

tion the lord ordinary officiating on the bills.

General orders for regulation of practice in court of chancery. 22. The lord chancellor of Great Britain, with the advice and assistance of the lords justices of the court of appeal in chancery, the master of the rolls, and the vice-chancellors, or any two of those judges, and the lord chancellor of Ireland, with the advice and assistance of the lord justice of appeal in chancery and the master of the rolls, or one of them, may from time to time make general orders for the regulation of the practice of the courts of chancery in England and Ireland respectively under this Act.

Loan capital.

Priority of mortgages.

23. All money borrowed or to be borrowed by a company on mortgage or bond or debenture stock under the provisions of any act authorizing the borrowing thereof shall have priority against the company and the property from time to time of the company over all other claims on account of any debts incurred or engagements entered into by them after the passing of this act: Provided always, that this priority shall not affect any claim against the company in respect of any rentcharge granted or to be granted by them in pursuance of The Lands Chauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860, or in respect of any rent or sum reserved by or payable under any lease granted or made to the company by any

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person in pursuance of any act relating to the company 30 &31 Vior. which is entitled to rank in priority to, or pari passu with, the interest or dividends on the mortgages, bonds, and debenture stock; nor shall anything herein-before contained affect any claim for land taken, used, or oc-cupied by the company for the purposes of the railway, or injuriously affected by the construction thereof, or by the exercise of any powers conferred on the company.

24. Any company may create and issue debenture Power to stock, subject to the provisions of part III. of The Com-ture stock, panies Clauses Act, 1863, (relating to debenture stock,) subject to and the said part III. shall, with respect to any special part III. of act of a company incorporating that part, whether c. 118. passed or to be passed, be read and have effect as if the following words, that is to say, "not exceeding the rate prescribed in the special act, and if no rate is prescribed then not exceeding the rate of four pounds per centum per annum," had not been inserted in section twentytwo of that act; and for the purposes of the present section this Act shall be deemed a special act passed incorporating that part; and any special act of a company passed before the passing of this act prescribing any rate shall be read and have effect as if no rate had been prescribed therein.

25. Provided that any debenture stock the creation Restriction whereof has been authorized by a company, but which terest on dehas not been issued, before the passing of this act, shall benture not be issued on any terms other than those whereon it stock almight have been issued if this act had not been passed, rized. unless and until the issue thereof on terms other than as aforesaid is after the passing of this act authorized by the company in manner provided in section twenty-two of The Companies Clauses Act, 1863.

26. Money borrowed by a company for the purpose Advances to of paying off, and duly applied in paying off, bonds or trees falling mortgages of the company given or made under the due. statutory powers of the company, shall, so far as the same is so applied, be deemed money borrowed within and not in excess of such statutory powers.

Share Capital.

27. Section twenty-one of the Companies Clauses Act, Power to 1863, shall, with respect to any special act of a com- or stock at pany incorporating Part II. of that act, whether passed discount. or to be passed, be read and have effect as if the following words, that is to say, "but so that not less than the full nominal amount of any share or portion of stock be payable or paid in respect thereof," had not been inserted in that section.

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Power to nal or other capital at discount.

28. Any shares forming part of the capital (whether original or additional) authorized to be raised by any special act of a company passed before the present ses-Power to sion, which have not been disposed of, may be disposed due of origi- of in manner provided by Part II. of The Companies Clauses Act, 1863, as amended by this act, and that part, as so amended, shall be deemed incorporated with such special act accordingly.

Restriction at discount of shares or stock already autho-rized.

29. Provided that any shares the creation whereof has been authorized by a company, but which have not been issued, before the passing of this act, shall not be issued on any terms other than those whereon the same might have been issued if this act had not been passed, unless and until the issue thereof on terms other than as aforesaid is after the passing of this act authorized by the company in manner provided by Part II. of The Companies Clauses Act, 1863.

Audit of railway accounts.

[See 31 & 32 Vict c. 119, s. 3.]

80. No dividend shall be declared by a company until the auditors have certified that the half-yearly accounts proposed to be issued contain a full and true statement of the financial condition of the company, and that the dividend proposed to be declared on any shares is bona fide due thereon after charging the revenue of the half year with all expenses which ought to be paid thereout in the judgment of the auditors; but if the directors differ from the judgment of the auditors with respect to the payment of any such expenses out of the revenue of the half year, such difference shall, if the directors desire it, be stated in the report to the shareholders, and the company in general meeting may decide thereon, subject to all the provisions of the law then existing, and such decision shall for the purposes of the dividend be final and binding; but if no such difference is stated, or if no decision is given on any such difference, the judgment of the auditors shall be final and binding; and the auditors may examine the books of the company at all reasonable times, and may call for such further accounts, and such vouchers, papers, and information, as they think fit, and the directors and officers of the company shall produce and give the same as far as they can, and the auditors may refuse to certify as aforesaid until they have received the same; and the auditors may at any time add to their certificate, or issue to the shareholders independently at the cost of the company, any statement respecting the financial condition and prospects of the company which they think material for the information of the shareholders.

Abandonment.

Provisions of 18 & 14

31. The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, shall 80 & 31 Vict. c. 127. vii.

extend and apply to all companies authorized to make 80 & 81 Vior. railways by act of parliament passed before the present session, subject and according to the following pro- Viet. c. 83, visions :

(1.) Section thirty-one of that act shall be read and donment of have effect as if The Companies Act, 1862, apply to all were referred to therein instead of The Joint companies Stock Companies Winding-up Act, 1848, or authorized to make railany act amending the same:

(2.) Section thirty-five of the said act of 1850 shall be this session. read and have effect as if the date of the twentyfirst day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven were therein substituted for the date of the eleventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty:

(3.) Nothing in the said act of 1850 or this act shall be deemed to make it obligatory on the board of trade to authorize the abandonment of a railway or part of a railway on any application in that behalf, and the board of trade shall not authorize such abandonment in any case unless it appears to them just and expedient so to do, and the board of trade may, if they think fit, refuse in any case to authorize such abandonment, except on condition of the money deposited as security for the completion of the railway, or the stocks, funds, or securities on which the same is invested, or the money secured by any bond conditioned for completion of the railway, or for payment of money in default thereof, being applied as part of the assets of the company.

32. Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the board Abandonof trade, with respect to a company authorized to make three fifths a railway by act of parliament passed before the present of capital session, that no part, or a part less than three fifths, of not subscribed. the share capital of the company, has been subscribed, the board of trade may, if they think fit, proceed under the said act of 1850, as extended by this act, on the application of any person named in the special act incorporating the company as a member or director thereof, or of any person named in the warrant or order directing payment of any deposit under any standing order of either house of parliament, or of any person who has lent the amount of such deposit, or any part thereof, or has entered into any bond conditioned for the completion of the railway, or for payment of any money in default thereof, and without the preliminary consent of a meeting of shareholders of the company.

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Compensation for damage to land by entry, &c. 33. The authority given under this act for the abandonment by a company of any railway or part of a railway shall not affect the right of the owner or occupier of any lands that have been temporarily occupied by the company to receive compensation, in accordance with the provisions of The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, for such temporary occupation, or for any loss, damage, or injury that has been sustained by him by reason thereof, or of the exercise as regards such lands of any of the company's powers.

Cancellation of bonds for completion of railways, and release of deposit.

84. Where a warrant for abandonment is granted under The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, as extended by this act, the commissioners of her majesty's treasury may cancel and deliver up any bond entered into by or on behalf of a railway company for securing the completion of a railway, or, in case the abandonment be of part of the railway only, may cancel and deliver up such bond on receiving another bond in lieu thereof conditioned for payment of a due proportionate part of the amount secured by such former bond; and any money remaining deposited as security for the completion of the railway, or the stocks, funds, or securities in which the same is invested, or any bank annuities, stocks, funds, securities, or exchequer bills remaining deposited as such security, or in case the abandonment authorized is of part only of a railway, then such proportionate part as the board of trade thinks fit of such money, stocks, funds, securities, annuities, or exchequer bills. shall be paid, transferred, or delivered out to the persons who would be entitled to receive the same if the railway had been completed and opened for public traffic; and the court of chancery shall, on the application of those persons, order payment, transfer, or delivery out thereof accordingly, on a certificate of the board of trade certifying that such a warrant for abandonment has been granted.

Protection for board of trade in case of error. 35. The issuing in any case of any warrant or certificate relating to deposit, or to any money, stocks, funds, securities, bank annuities, or exchequer bills deposited, or any error in any such warrant or certificate, or in relation thereto, shall not make the board of trade, or the person signing the warrant or certificate on their behalf, in any manner liable for or in respect of the money, stocks, funds, securities, bank annuities, or exchequer bills deposited, or the interest of or dividends on the same, or any part thereof respectively.

Purchase of Land.

Amendment (as to rail36. Where after the passing of this act a company ex-

ercise the powers conferred on the promoters of the SOASI VICT. undertaking by section eighty-five of The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, the following provisions shall way comhave effect:

ve effect:
(1.) The surveyor to be appointed as in that section settor 85 of 8 49 Vict. provided shall be appointed by the board of c. 18. trade instead of by two justices, and all the provisions of that act relative to a surveyor appointed by two justices shall apply to a surveyor so appointed by the board of trade:

(2.) The company shall give not less than seven days notice of their intention to apply to the board of trade for the appointment of a surveyor to any party interested in or entitled to sell and convey the lands in question, and not consent-

ing to the entry of the company:

(3.) The valuation to be made by the surveyor so appointed shall include the amount of compensation for all damage and injury to be sustained by reason of the exercise of the powers conferred by the said section, as far as such damage and injury are capable of estimation:

(4.) The sureties to the bond to be given by the company under that section shall, in case the parties differ, instead of being approved of by two justices, be approved of by the board of trade,

after hearing the parties.

37. Where, in England, under The Lands Clauses Costs of Consolidation Act, 1845, or any act incorporating the arbitrations as to lands. same, a question of disputed compensation relating to lands required to be purchased or taken by a company is determined by arbitration, the costs of and incidental to the arbitration and award shall, if either party so requires, be settled, as between the parties, by one of the masters of the court of queen's bench.

RAILWAY COMPANIES (IRELAND), TEMPO-RARY ADVANCES, 1867.

30 & 31 Vict. Cap. 138. An Act to authorize the Extension of the Period for Repayment of Advances made under The Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1866.

[20th August, 1867.]

Whereas it is expedient that the time for repayment of advances made by the public works loan commissioners 29 & 30 Vict. under The Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary e. 95. Advances Act, 1866, should be extended:

Be it therefore enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the

same, as follows:
1. This Act may be cited as The Railway Companies

(Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1867.

2. On the application of any railway company to whom any advance has been or shall be made under the provisions of The Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1866, and with the approbation of the commissioners of her majesty's treasury, and subject to such terms and conditions (if any), as to payment of interest or otherwise, as the last-mentioned commissioners may think proper to impose, it shall be lawful for the public works loan commissioners, by any writing under the hand of their secretary for the time being, to consent that the time for repayment of all or any part of the principal money remaining due in respect of any such advance shall be extended to any day not later than twelve calendar months from the day when the same advance shall become due by the terms of the debenture or other security given or to be given for securing the same, and after any such consent shall have been given, and for all the purposes of The Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1866, the principal money secured by any debenture or other security given or to be given under that Act shall be deemed to have become due only on the day to which the time for repayment of such principal money shall be extended by any consent to be given as provided by this

30 & 31 Vict. c. 138. i.

Short title.

Public works loan commissioners mav consent that time for repayment of advances may be extended.

[Further extended by 81 & 32 Vict c. 94.]

Act, and all powers and provisions for recovering and 80 & 31 Vice compelling payment of such principal money shall be read and have effect accordingly; provided that in the case of any extension of time for the repayment of any such principal money the rate of interest thereupon until such repayment shall not be less than that at which the advance was originally made.

RAILWAYS (EXTENSION OF TIME), 1868.

31 & 32 Vict. Cap. 18. An Act to give further Time for making certain Railways.

[29th May, 1868.]

[Amended by 81 & 82 Vict. c 119, s. 46.] BE it enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This act may be cited as the Railways (Extension of Time) Act, 1868.

Interpretation of terms.

2. In this act-

The term "company" means a railway company; that is to say, a company constituted by act of parliament, or by certificate under act of parliament, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, or working a railway (either alone or in conjunction with any other purpose):

The term "railway" includes "tramway:"
The term "share" includes "stock:"

The term "gazette" means with respect to a railway or works or lands in England the London Gazette, with respect to a railway or works or lands in Scotland the Edinburgh Gazette, and with respect to a railway or works or lands in Ireland the Dublin Gazette.

Power for Company to apply to Board of Trade for extension of time.

A pplication

only with

assent of

shareholders.

8. Where it is desired that the time limited for the completion by a company of a railway, or part of a railway, or of a work, or for the purchase by them of lands for the purpose thereof, be extended, then, subject and according to the provisions of this act, within one year after the passing of this act, an application for that purpose may be made to the board of trade by or on behalf of the company.

4. An application under this act shall not be entertained by the hoard of trade unless it is made with the assent of three-fifths in value of the votes of the holders of the shares in the subscribed capital of the company, recorded at an extraordinary meeting of the company convened for the purpose.

Circular to holders.

5. Where a meeting is called for the purposes of this act the secretary of the company shall, seven clear days at least before the day appointed for the meeting, send

31 & 32 Vict. c. 18. i.

by post to each registered shareholder, to his registered 81 & 82 Vict. or known address, a circular, which shall be in the form given in the schedule to this act, with such variations as circumstances require, and with such modifications (if any) as the Board of Trade approve.

6. Each shareholder may signify his assent to or dis- Mcde of sent from the proposed application in the manner indi- of assent or cated in the circular sent.

7. At the meeting the shareholders personally present Meeting to shall elect three shareholders to be scrutineers.

8. The scrutineers shall ascertain and record the pro-Ascertain-portion of capital held by shareholders assenting, and ment of shall report it to the alminor and the shall ascertain and record the pro-Ascertain and record the shall report it to the chairman, who shall announce it to assents or the meeting, and state whether the proposed application is assented to by the requisite proportion or not.

9. In the computation of assents a share shall not be Whatshares reckoned unless the holder thereof is duly registered, and only to be reckoned. has paid on all shares held by him all calls due by him made three months or upwards before the day of the meeting or of the presentation to the directors of the requisition (if any) on which the meeting is held.

10. For the purpose of receiving the report of the Adjournment on apscrutineers, the chairman may, if he thinks fit, on the pileation of application of any one of the scrutineers, and shall, if re-scrutineers. quired by more than one of them, adjourn the meeting to a day appointed by him, being not less than one or more than seven clear days from the day of the meet-

11. The decision of the scrutineers, or any two of them, Decision of on any matter to be decided by them under this act, shall scrutineers be final.

12. When an application has been made to the board Notice of apof trade in accordance with this act, then, if it appears plication in to them that there are sufficient grounds for artesticing gazette, &c. to them that there are sufficient grounds for entertaining the application; they shall direct notice of the fact that the application has been made to be given, by or on behalf of the company, by advertisement (in a form approved by the board of trade) once in the gazette and once in each of three successive weeks in a newspaper published or circulating in each of the counties in which any portion of the railway, part of a railway, works or lands to which the application relates is situate, and by bills affixed, on three successive Sundays, on the principal outer door of the church or churches in every parish in which any portion of the railway, part of a railway, works or lands is situate; and every such notice shall state when and how any person, company, or corporation objecting to the application may bring his objection before the board of trade.

31 & 32 Vict. c. 18. ii.

81 & 32 VIOT. CAP. 18. Extension of time by war-

of trade.

13. The board of trade, on proof to their satisfaction that notice has been duly given, and on the expiration of the time allowed for objections, and after considering the objections (if any), may, if they think fit, by warrant rant of board (signed by their secretary or one of their assistant secretaries), according to the nature of the application made to them, and on such terms and conditions (if any) as they think fit, extend the time limited for the completion of the railway, or of any part thereof, or of any works, or may (with or without extension of the time aforesaid) extend the time limited for the purchase of any lands for the purpose of the railway, or of any part thereof, or of any works, for such time in each case as they think fit, not exceeding in any case two years from the expiration of the respective time limited; and every such warrant shall have effect as if the provisions thereof had been enacted by parliament; provided that no such warrant shall be granted unless the board of trade, having ascertained the state and condition of the company in the manner provided in the fourteenth section of 18 & 14 Vict. the Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, see reason to believe that the company will be able to complete the railway, part of a railway, or works within the extended time named in the warrant, for which purpose the board of trade shall have all the powers of that section, and the provisions of that section shall extend and apply to the case of proceedings under this act.

Notice of warrant in gaz.tte.

Compensation for ex-

tension of time.

Saving for contracts and notices before act.

14. Within one month after the warrant is issued by the board of trade they shall give notice thereof in the gazette.

15. Justices, arbitrators, umpires, and juries, in estimating the compensation to be made by the company to the owners or occupiers of or persons interested in land-, shall have regard to and make compensation for the additional damage (if any) sustained by those owners, occupiers, or persons by reason of any extension of time under this act.

16. Where, before the passing of this act, a contract has been entered into by a company for the taking of lands for their railway or works, this act shall not authorize, as regards those lands, any extension of the time limited for the purchase of lands; and every such contract shall continue to have effect as if this act had not been passed.

THE SCHEDULE.

Form of Circular and of Assent or Dissent.

The Railways (Extension of Time) Act, 1868.

Company. An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of this company will be held at on the day of

at o'clock, for the purpose of determining whether or not an application shall be made to the board of trade, under the above-mentioned act, for an extension of the time limited by [state the act or acts limiting the time proposed to be ex-

tended] for [state the matter to which the limitation relates].

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You are requested to signify your assent to or dissent from the proposed application by writing in the fourth column of the following table the word assenting or dissenting, as the case may be, and signing your name thereunder, and by returning this circular, so filled up and signed, to me, so that I shall receive the same on or before the day next preceding the day of the meeting, but if your assent or dissent is not received at latest on the day next preceding the day of the meeting it will not be computed.

Name of Railway.	Name of Shareholder.	Amount of Share Capital held by him.	Whether assenting or dissenting.
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Secretary.

The Secretary will insert these particulars.
 In this column the shareholder will write the word assenting or dissenting, as the case may be, and sign his name thereunder.

COTTON STATISTICS, 1868-

81 & 32 Vict. Cap. 33. An Act for the Collection and Publication of Cotton Statistics.

[25th June, 1868.]

WHEREAS it would be of great public advantage if statistical information respecting the quantity of cotton imported into the united kingdom, and the quantity removed (either by sea or land) from and to, and held in stock at, the several ports, were periodically obtained and published by authority: Be it therefore enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This act may be cited for all purposes as the Cotton Statistics Act. 1868.

2. In this act-

Interpretation of terms.

The term "forwarder" shall mean and include every owner or lessee of any railway, canal, or inland navigation who carries or conveys cotton for toll or other consideration from or to any port in the united kingdom.

Forwarders of cotton to make monthly returns to the board of trade.

3. Every forwarder shall on the fourth day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and on the fourth day of every subsequent month, make a return in writing to the board of trade, in such convenient form as the board of trade may order, showing the quantity of cotton forwarded or received by him or them from or to any port in the united kingdom within the then last preceding month.

Publication of information. 4. The several returns made to the board of trade under this act shall be published in the same manner as other statistical information is published by that board.

Penalty.

5. If any such forwarder be summoned by the board of trade to comply with the requirements of this act, and fail to do so, he or they shall for every offence be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Orders in council for execution of act, &c.

6. It shall be lawful for her majesty in council from time to time to make by order in council such provisions as seem fit for the better execution of this act, and for

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otherwise procuring and publishing statistical information respecting the stock of and the importation of cotton into, and the exportation thereof from, and the transport and warehousing thereof within, the united kingdom, and for the publication from time to time of such information. All such orders in council shall be published in the London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Gazettes, and shall be laid before both houses of parliament.

RAILWAYS TRAVERSE, 1868.

81 & 32 Vict. Cap. 70. An Act to amend "The Railways (Ireland) Act, 1851," "The Railways (Ireland) Act, 1860," and "The Railways (Ireland) Act, 1864," as to the Trial of Traverses. [31st July, 1868.]

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14 & 15 Vict. WHEREAS by the twenty-sixth section of "The Railways Act (Ireland), 1851," it is provided that where the party named in any certificate of the amount of the price or compensation ascertained by any award (or any party claiming under the party so named) should be dissatisfied with the amount in such certificate certified to be payable, and where any party claiming any interest in any monies paid into court should be dissatisfied with the amount of the price or compensation in respect of such monies, and where any party interested in land adjoining any railway should be dissatisfied with any award so far as respects any works for the accommodation of lands thereby awarded to be made and maintained by the company, or which such party might claim to have so made and maintained, it should be lawful for such party, at the assizes for the county in which the lands are situate, or, where the lands are situate in the county of Dublin or county of the city of Dublin, in the term next following the giving of such certificate, or the payment of such money into court, or (if the claim be only in respect of accommodation works) the making of the award, or where such assizes are holden or such term begins within less than twenty-one days after the giving of such certificate, or the payment of such money, or the making of the award, then at the next subsequent assizes, or in the next subsequent term (as the case might be). upon giving ten days notice in writing previously to such assizes or term respectively to the secretary of the company of the amount or the accommodation works intended to be claimed, to have a traverse for damages entered in the crown book in respect of such claim, and thereupon such traverse should be tried in such manner. subject to such regulations, and with such consequences, as in the said act in that behalf respectively mentioned:

And whereas by "The Railways Act (Ireland), 1860, 28 & 24 Vict. g 97. 31 & 32 Vict. c. 70. i.

the said first-mentioned act was amended and made per- 31 & 37 Vict.

And whereas by the first section of the Railways Act 27 & 28 Vict. (Ireland), 1864, it is provided that in all cases where the c. 71. amount of money which the arbitrator should have awarded to be paid by the company to any person in respect of any estate or interest in lands should exceed the sum of five hundred pounds it should be lawful for the company, if dissatisfied with such award upon giving to such person within ten days next after the date of such award notice in writing of their intention to appeal therefrom, to have a traverse entered by the company in the crown book in respect of such award at the same time and in like manner in all respects as were provided with respect to traverses taken by persons dissatisfied with any award, and the like proceedings should be taken with respect to a traverse so taken by the company, and the verdict of the jury upon such traverse should have the like effect as in the case of a traverse taken by a person so dissatisfied.

And whereas such traverses as aforesaid must at present be tried in the county or county of a city where the lands are situate; and it is expedient to amend the law in that respect in the manner herein-after mentioned:

Be it therefore enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This act may be cited as "The Railways Traverse Short title. Act."

2. Whenever either party shall be entitled and shall Provision intend to have any such traverse entered under the said for trial of traverse in recited acts, or any or either of them, or any act already county other or hereafter incorporating the said acts, or any of than that in them, it shall be lawful for the other party to apply to are situate. the court of queen's bench for an order directing such traverse to be entered and tried in some county other than the county or county of a city in which the lands are situate; and if upon such application it shall appear to said court that it will be more convenient or proper or more in furtherance of justice that such traverse should be tried elsewhere than in the county or county of a city where the lands are situate, the said court may order such traverse to be entered and tried in some other county or county of a city to be specified in such order, and thereupon such traverse shall be entered and tried in such other county or county of a city in such manner. and subject to the like regulations, and with the same 31 & 32 Vict. c. 70. ii.

81 & 32 Vict. consequences, and the verdict and proceedings shall have the like effect, as if the lands were situate in the county or county of a city in which such traverse shall under such order be so entered and tried.

When application for trial of traverse to be made.

3. Such application may be made either before or after the ten days notice shall have been given, and before or after such traverse may have been entered for the county or county of a city where the lands are situate, and notwithstanding that such traverse may have been respited from an assizes or term previously to such application; and in case such order shall have been made after the entry of the traverse in the county or county of a city in which the lands are situate, no trial shall be had upon such entry. The said court may make such order as it may deem fit respecting the costs of such application, or any costs to be incurred by reason of such change of the place of trial or otherwise incidental to such order as aforesaid, and may, in making such order and in respect thereof, impose such terms upon either party as justice may require.

Construction of acts.

4. This act and the said recited acts shall be read together as one act, and this act shall be held to be incorporated with each of the said recited acts in any act already or hereafter incorporating the said recited acts, or any of them, and shall apply to traverses of awards made before the passing of this act in respect of which the right of traverse shall still subsist.

Jurisdiction out of term time,

5. The jurisdiction hereinbefore conferred upon the court of queen's bench may out of term be exercised by any judge of that court, or any judge having for the time being jurisdiction to entertain and determine a motion to change the venue in any action depending in said court.

RAILWAY COMPANIES, 1868.

31 & 32 Vict. Cap. 79. An Act to further amend the Law relating to Railway Companies.
[31st July, 1868.]

BE it enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows.

1. Section four of the Railway Companies Act, Continuance 1867, and section four of the Railway Companies of restriction (Scotland) Act, 1867, shall be read and have effect as if against the first day of September one thousand eight hundred property. and seventy were therein mentioned instead of the first 30 & 31 Vict. day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

2. This Act may be cited as "The Railway Com- short title. panies Act, 1868."

PORTPATRICK AND BELFAST AND COUNTY DOWN RAILWAYS, 1868.

31 & 32 Vict. Cap. 81. An Act to authorize Loans of Public Money to the Portpatrick and the Belfast and County Down Railway Companies, and a Payment to the Portpatrick Company in consequence of the Abandonment of the Communication between Donaghadee and Portpatrick.

[31st July, 1868.]

WHEREAS the treasury minute set out in the schedule to this Act annexed was passed on the fifteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six:

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And whereas by an act of parliament passed in the c. 149 [local], twentieth and twenty-first years of her majesty, intituled "An Act to authorize the Construction of a Railway from Castle Douglas in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright to Portpatrick in the County of Wigtown," the persons therein named were incorporated by the name of "The Portpatrick Railway Company," and it is by the said act amongst other things provided, that if the railway and branch railway by the said act authorized should not be completed and opened to the public within the period of five years from the passing of the said act, then and from thenceforth it should not be lawful for the company or the directors thereof to pay any dividend to the shareholders until such railway and branch railway to the North Pier at Portpatrick Harbour should have been completed and opened for public traffic, and the Belfast and County Down Railway Company contributed a sum of fifteen thousand pounds towards the said undertaking, as by the said act required:

And whereas by a further treasury minute, bearing date the twenty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven (previous y to the passing of the said act), their lordships had approved of the said lastrecited clause being inserted therein, and stated that immediately on the passing of the said act their lordships would be prepared, in communication with the railway company, to take such steps as should be required in order to secure the completion of the works in the said harbour of Portpatrick, so that they should be concluded at least as soon as the railway company should be in a condition to use it in connexion with their line:

81 & 32 Vict. c. 81. i.

And whereas by an act passed in the eighteenth year 31 & 82 Vice. of the reign of her present majesty, intituled "An Act to enable the Belfast and County Down Railway Company to extend their Railway in the County of Down," 18 & 19 Vict.
c. 18 [local]. it was provided that in case the railways by the said act authorized should not be completed and opened for public traffic within a period of five years from the passing of the said act, then and from thenceforth it should not be lawful for the company or the directors thereof to pay any dividend to the shareholders on the ordinary or unguaranteed capital of the company until such railways should have been completed and open for public traffic, and the time for completion of said railways was, by a further act of the twenty-first and twenty-second of her majesty extended to the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine:

And whereas both the said railways have been completed by the said companies respectively, making on the one side a railway communication with the harbour of Portpatrick, and on the other with the harbour of Donaghadee, and the said companies were induced to make the said railway communication on the faith of the said recited treasury minute of the fifteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for the purposes of the said railway works the said companies have borrowed large sums of money on the security

of their debentures:

And whereas, at the time of the said herein-before recited minute of the fifteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, the works of the harbour of Portpatrick were estimated to cost a sum not exceeding the sum of twenty thousand pounds, and the lords commissioners of the admiralty proceeded with the execution of the works so estimated; but, notwithstanding an expenditure of public money far exceeding the said sum has been made, it has been reported that the harbour of Portpatrick is quite unsuited for a speedy and punctual service, and that it could not at any reasonable cost be rendered suitable for the service proposed:

And whereas the payment of a subsidy for the proper maintenance of a mail service between the said ports of Donaghadee and Portpatrick would be quite out of proportion to and far exceed any advantage to be gained by

such service:

And whereas under the circumstances herein-before stated it has been considered expedient to abandon the establishment of a mail service between the said ports of Donaghadee and Portpatrick, and inasmuch as such abandonment will seriously and most injuriously affect

81 & 82 Vict. c. 81. ii.

31 & 82 Vior. the interests of the said two railway companies, to a great extent rendering unprofitable and worthless the expenditure which has been incurred in making the railways herein-before mentioned, it is considered that both said companies, under the circumstances hereinbefore stated, have just and fair claims to the consideration of parliament, and for the adjustment thereof it has been proposed by the said companies respectively, and (subject to the approval of parliament) agreed to by the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury, that such claims should be settled and arranged as is herein-after provided:

> Be it therefore enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,

Power to charge not exceeding £820,000 upon the consolidated fund for the purpose of purpose of loans by this act authorized.

as follows: For the purposes of the loans by this act authorised the commissioners of her majesty's treasury may from time to time, by warrant under the hands of two or more of them, cause to be issued out of the consolidated fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof, to the account of the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of three hundred and twenty thousand pounds, such money to be applied exclusively under this act, and be at the disposal of the public works loan commissioners in like manner in all respects as money placed at their disposal under the act of the session of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth year of her majesty, chapter eighty, and the acts therein recited, subject nevertheless to the provisions of this act, which provisions shall have full effect notwithstanding anything in the "Public Works Loan Act, 1853," or any act therein mentioned, to the contrary contained.

Power to Public Works Loan Act extended to this act.

2. All the several clauses, powers, authorities, provisoes, enactments, directions, regulations, restrictions, privileges, priorities, advantages, penalties, and for-feitures contained in and conferred and imposed by the said acts or any of them, so far as the same may be made applicable and are not varied by this act, shall be taken to extend to this act, and to everything to be done in pursuance of this act, as if the same were herein repeated and set forth.

3. It shall be lawful for the said Portpatrick company to borrow on mortgage, and for the public works loan commissioners, out of the funds at their disposal under this act, to lend and advance to the said last-mentioned company (under the direction and with the consent of

31 & 32 Vict. c. 81. iii.

Power to Portpatrick. company to the public works loan commissioners.

the commissioners of her majesty's treasury), a sum not 31 & 32 Vioz. exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred and fiftythree thousand pounds on the security of the said company's railway works and undertaking, as well as all rates, rents, tolls, and profits, and all other property of the said company, the said sum of one hundred and fiftythree thousand pounds to be the first charge thereon, and to be repaid by equal half-yearly instalments within a period of thirty-five years from the date of such advances, together with interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum on the said sum of one hundred and fifty-three thousand pounds, or on such part thereof as may from time to time remain due and

4. Such portion of the said sum of one hundred and Application fifty-three thousand pounds as may be requisite for the of said sum. purpose shall be applied in discharge of all existing debts of the said company secured either by way of mortgage, debenture, or otherwise howsoever, and the balance of the said sum shall be applied by the said company for the

general purposes of their undertaking.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Belfast and County Power to the Down Railway Company to borrow on mortgage, and Belfast and for the said public works loan commissioners, out of the Down comfunds at their disposal under this act, to lend and advance pany to to the said last-mentioned company (under the direction mortgage. and with the consent of the commissioners of her majesty's treasury (a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and sixty-six thousand pounds on the security of all and every the said company's railway works and undertaking, as well as on all rates, rents, tolls, and profits, and all other property of the said company, the said sum of one hundred and sixty-six thousand pounds to be the first charge thereon, and to be repaid by equal half-yearly instalments within a period of thirty-five years from the date of such advance, together with interest thereon at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum on the said sum of one hundred and sixty-six thousand pounds, or on such part as may from time to time remain due and unpaid.

6. The said sum of one hundred and sixty-six thousand Application pounds to be applied in the discharge of all existing debts borrowed. of the said company, whether secured by mortgage, de-

benture, or otherwise however.

7. It shall be lawful for the lords commissioners of her Treasury to majesty's treasury, out of monies to be provided by par- paythe Portliament for the purpose, to pay, by way of free grant, to pany a sum the said Portpatrick railway company a sym not exceeding the sym of twenty the sym o ing the sum of twenty thousand pounds.

81 & 32 Vict. c. 81. iv.

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

Treasury Minute, dated August 15, 1856.

My Lords have under their consideration several memorials, signed by persons interested in the communication between the north of Ireland and Scotland, and praying that their lordships will take measures to determine the ports best adapted for the establishment of a short sea passage between the two countries, with a view to promote the quickest postal and passenger communication.

One of these memorials prays for a public loan to the County Down Railway Company, in order to enable them to complete their line to

Donaghadee.

Fully recognizing the great advantages which would be derived by the extensive manufacturing Districts in the north of Ireland, in the west of Scotland, and in the north of England, by establishing a communication between the two ports which should reduce the sea passage to the shortest possible time, and in connection with a system of railways on both sides, which to a certain extent already exists and the completion of which my lords understand is in contemplation, by which a direct communication will be opened between all the above important districts, my lords referred the subject to the Admiralty, for their lordships' opinion upon the nautical questions raised in the memorials.

My lords have now before them the reply of the Admiralty, in which the Lords Commissioners report, that the most favourable ports for the establishment of a short sea passage are those of Portpatrick and Donaghadee; and they suggest that instructions should be given to them to institute an inquiry as to the best and cheapest manner in which those ports may be made suitable for the purpose. These instructions my lords have already issued.

Before any expense, however, is incurred, it becomes necessary that my lords should clearly state their views upon the subject, for the information of all the parties who have appeared before them, either by memorial or by personal application, and of others who take an

interest in it.

It has been represented to my lords that in the event of the Government deciding upon the best ports for the passage referred to, and especially in the case of Portpatrick and Donaghadee being adopted, and provided the Government should be willing to use it as a mail communication, that, in the first place, a steam boat service, suited both for passengers and mails, would be established by a private company, without any aid from the government except a fair price for carrying the mails; and that, in the second place, the railways on each side of the channel would be completed so as to connect Donaghadee on the one side with Belfast and the main line and Portpatrick on the other side with Glasgow to the north, and with Dumfries to the east, by which all the important objects in view would be fully attained. All this, it has been understood, will be performed by private enterprise, if only the government, on its part, will—

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1 Determine the ports most suitable for the service.

2. Adopt the line between such ports as a mail passage.

 Make such improvements in the ports as shall best fit them for the purpose.

These conditions my lords are prepared to adopt. They have already, upon the advice of the admiralty, decided that the best ports will be Portpatrick and Donaghadee, and have instructed the lords commissioners to report upon the improvements and alterations required to render them suitable for the service, and when a steam service shall be established for carrying the mails they will be prepared to use it for that purpose upon fair and reasonable terms.

But, before my lords proceed actually to incur any expense upon the ports named for their improvement in pursuance of any report that may be made by the admiralty, it will be quite necessary that they should be well satisfied that all the arrangements herein referred to, and which would be necessary to give public utility to the scheme, will

be completed.

With regard to the memorials for aid in completing the Railways by a public loan there is no fund disposable for such a purpose except that annually voted by parliament for public works and administered under this board by commissioners appointed for the purpose. It will, therefore, be necessary for those requiring such a loan to apply to the public loan commissioners, with whom rests the responsibility of judging of the security to be accepted in such cases, and who alone can determine how far the other demands upon the fund at their disposal will enable them to entertain the requests.

Let a copy of this minute be forwarded to the chief secretary for Ireland, to the chamber of commerce, Belfast, to the other memorialists,

and to the postmaster general.

RAILWAY COMPANIES (IRELAND) TEMPORARY ADVANCES, 1868.

81 & 32 Vict. Cap. 94. An Act to authorize the further Extension of the Period for Repayment of Advances made under the Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1866.

[31st July, 1868.]

80 & 31 Vict. c. 138.

WHEREAS by the Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1867, the time for repayment of advances made by the public works loan commissioners 29 & 30 Vict. under the Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1866, was authorized to be extended as therein mentioned, and it is expedient that the time for repayment of the said advances should be further extended:

> Be it therefore enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

Public works loan

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1. This act may be cited as "The Railway Companies

(Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1868."

2. On the application of any railway company to whom any advance has been made under the provisions of the Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Adsioners may consent that vances Act, 1866, and with the approbation of the commissioners of her majesty's treasury, and subject to such terms and conditions (if any) as to payment of interest or otherwise as the last-mentioned commissioners may think proper to impose, it shall be lawful for the public works loan commissioners, by any writing under the hand of their secretary for the time being, to consent that the time for repayment of all or any part of the principal money remaining due in respect of any such advance, shall be extended to any day not later than twelve calendar months from the day when the same advance shall become due by the terms of the debenture or other security given for securing the same, or to any day not later than twelve months from the day when the

> same advance shall become due under any extension of 31 & 32 Vict. c. 94. i.

time granted under the authority of the recited act; and \$1 & 32 Vior. after any such consent shall have been given, and for all the purposes of the Railway Companies (Ireland) Temporary Advances Act, 1866, the principal money secured by any debenture or other security given under that act shall be deemed to have become due only on the day to which the time for repayment of such principal money shall be extended by any consent to be given as pro-vided by this act, and all powers and provisions for recovering and compelling payment of such principal money shall be read and have effect accordingly.

TELEGRAPH, 1868.

31 & 32 Vict. Cap. 110. An Act to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire, work, and maintain Electric Telegraphs.

[31st July, 1868.]

WHEREAS the means of communication by electric telegraphs within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland are insufficient, and many important districts are without any such means of communication:

And whereas it would be attended with great advantage to the state, as well as to merchants and traders, and to the public generally, if a cheaper, more widely extended, and more expeditious system of telegraphy were established in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and to that end it is expedient that her majesty's postmaster general be empowered to work telegraphs in connexion with the administration of the post office:

May it therefore please your majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Preliminary.

Short title.

1. This act may be cited as "The Telegraph Act, 1868."

Provisions of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 112.

2. The Telegraph Act, 1863, shall be incorporated with this act, except so far as the same, or any part incorporated thereof, may be expressly varied, altered, or be inconsistent with this act; and the term "the company," in the Telegraph Act, 1863, shall, in addition to the meaning assigned to it in that act, mean the postmaster general.

Interpretation of terms.

8. Terms to which meanings are assigned by the Telegraph Act, 1863, have in this act the same respective meanings; and the word "land" in such last-mentioned act shall, in addition to the meaning thereby assigned to it, include any term, estate, easement, interest, right, or privilege, in, over, or affecting land, and shall include 81 & 32 Vict. c. 110. i.

the works, tubes, wires, posts, and other property pur- 81&82 Vicz. GAP. 110. chased or acquired by the postmaster general.

In this act:-

The term "the undertaking" shall mean the whole or any part of the electric and other telegraphs. wires, posts, pipes, tubes, and other works, instruments, materials, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and buildings, parliamentary, prescriptive, and other rights, powers, privileges, patents, and all other property whatsoever of any company, corporation, or persons engaged in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in transmitting messages for money or other consideration by means of electric or other telegraphs:

The term "any company" shall mean any company, corporation, or persons now engaged in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in transmitting, or authorized to transmit, messages for money or other consideration, by means of electric or other telegraphs, or mechanical agencies, and each and every of those companies.

Purchase.

4. It shall be lawful for her majesty's postmaster Power to general and he is hereby authorized, with the consent of postmaster the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury, from general to purchase time to time, out of any monies which may be from time underto time appropriated by act of parliament and put at his takings of disposal for that purpose, to purchase for the purposes of companies. this act, the whole, or such parts as he shall think fit, of the undertaking of any company, and any undertaking, and all other property purchased under the powers of this act, shall be vested in and held by her majesty's postmaster general, in his corporate capacity, and his successors: provided always, that no such purchase be made, and that no agreement other than the agreements confirmed by this act for any such purchase be binding, unless the said agreement, accompanied by a minute from the commissioners of her majesty's treasury, in which the grounds of the agreement shall be set forth shall have lain for one month on the table of both houses of parliament without disapproval.

5. Any company, with the authority of two thirds of Power to the votes of their shareholders present in person or by telegraph proxy at a general meeting of the company specially to sell their convened for the purpose, may sell all or any portion of undertaktheir undertaking to the postmaster general for such sum ings to the postmaster 31 & 32 Vict. c. 110. ii.

general.

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31 & 32 Vict. of money as may be mutually agreed upon between the postmaster general and the company; and the execution by any company under their common seal of a conveyance to the postmaster general, duly stamped, of their undertaking, shall be sufficient to vest the same in the postmaster general for all the estate, right, title, and interest of the company therein, with all incidental rights, privileges, and easements, and the same may be used, exercised, and enjoyed by the postmaster general in the same manner and to the same extent as the same respectively are, or if this Act had not been passed might be held, used, exercised, or enjoyed by any company, and the receipt of two of the Directors of any company for the purchase money, endorsed upon the deed of conveyance, shall be a sufficient discharge for the same to the postmaster general, who shall not be bound to see to the distribution thereof.

Acts, &c. of companies selling their undertakings to remain in force, and the powers

6, All acts, charters, and grants, and all valid deeds and agreements made to, from, by, or with any company whose undertaking shall be sold and conveyed to the postmaster general under the powers of this Act shall (except as far as they are by this act expressed to be varied or repealed, or are inconsistent with the provisions thereof to be of this act,) remain in full force, and all matters to be done, exercised by continued, or completed, or which, but for the passing of ter General. this act, would, might, or could be done, continued, or completed by or against the company so selling their undertaking, their officers or servants, shall or may (as the case requires) be done, continued, or completed by or against the postmaster general, his officers and servants, and those acts, charters, grants, deeds, and agreements shall be construed as if the postmaster general had been named therein instead of the company so selling their undertaking; and it shall be lawful for any person to enforce any such act, charter, grant, deed, or agreement by action, suit, or other legal proceeding against the postmaster general in the same court, and in the same manner, and with the same rights and liabilities to pay costs and otherwise, as if this act had not been passed.

Companies postmaster general to purchase their undertaking under certain circumstances,

7. If the postmaster general shall acquire any one may require undertaking under the powers of this act he shall, upon the request, in writing, of any company possessing an undertaking established by special act of parliament or royal charter at the time of the passing of this act, purchase the undertaking of such company, upon terms to be settled (failing agreement) by arbitration, provided such request be made within twelve calendar months after the postmaster general shall have so acquired any one undertaking; and any railway company possessed

31 & 32 Vict. c. 110, iii.

of a telegraph open to the use of the public on the first 81 & 82 Vioz. of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight for transmitting messages for money, or possessing any Railway beneficial interest in such telegraph, shall be included in companies this provision, and any such railway company shall be included in provision entitled upon a like request, in writing, to require the as to their postmaster general to purchase the right of such railway telegraphs. company to transmit such messages or other beneficial

Provided always, that nothing in this act shall enable the postmaster general to purchase the undertakings of the Atlantic telegraph company or of the Anglo-American telegraph company (limited), or any part of such undertakings.

8. With respect to the purchase of the undertakings Provision as of the Electric and International Telegraph company, to purchase the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph company, or cert and the United Kingdom Electric Telegraph company takings herein named.

(limited), be it enacted as follows:

(1.) Each of the three companies may, with the authority of two thirds of the votes of its shareholders, present in person or by proxy at a general meeting of the company specially convened for the purpose, sell and convey, and the postmaster general shall upon demand of the company under its common seal purchase, the whole undertaking of the said company:

(2.) The price to be paid by the postmaster general to each company for its undertaking shall be twenty years purchase of the net profits during the year ending on the thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight from the undertaking so conveyed; and in the case of the United Kingdom company there shall be paid in addition to the amount aforesaid-

> First, the price paid by the company for the patent of "Hughes's Type-printing Telegraph," such price not to exceed twelve thousand

pounds:

Secondly, a sum equal to the estimated aggregate value of the quoted ordinary share capital of the company reckoned on the highest quotation shown in the official lists of the London stock exchange on any day between the first and the twenty-fifth days of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; and

Thirdly, compensation for the loss of the prospective profits of the company on the ordinary

81 & 32 Vict. c. 110, iv.

81 & 82 VIOT. CAP. 110,

- shares, and any sum that may be determined upon in consideration of the efforts made by the company to establish an uniform shilling rate for the conveyance of telegraphic messages:
- (3.) If any difference arises between the postmaster general and any of the said companies concerning the amount of such net profits as aforesaid, or in the case of the United Kingdom company as to the price paid for "Hughes's Type-printing Telegraph," or as to the estimated aggregate value of the share capital or the compensation for the loss of prospective profits, or the sum to be paid in consideration of the efforts of the company to establish an uniform shilling rate, every such difference shall be settled by arbitration in the manner prescribed by the "the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the settlement of disputes by arbitration, and the provisions of that Act with respect to arbitration shall be deemed to be incorporated with this Act:

8 & 9 Vict. c. 16:

- (4.) The purchase money and compensation to be paid by the postmaster general under the provisions aforesaid shall be paid to the directors of each company, and the receipt under the common seal of the company, countersigned by the chairman or deputy chairman and by the secretary thereof, shall be a sufficient discharge to the postmaster general for the amount therein specified to be received; and the postmaster general shall not be required to see to the application of the sums so paid or be responsible for the misapplication thereof:
- (5.) The amounts so received by the directors of each company shall, together with all undivided profits and any monies in the hands of or due to the company up to the date of transfer, be applied by them in the first place in discharge of all the debts of the same company, and in payment of any sums that may be voted by the shareholders for payment for or in recognition of special services rendered to the company, and after such discharge the residue shall be distributed among the shareholders of that company in such proportion and in such manner in all respects as the arbitrator hereinafter named shall award and determine after

81 & 82 Vict. c. 110, v.

due consideration of the circumstances under 81 & 82 Vicz. which each class of shares was created, and after hearing such of the parties interested as shall upon notice of the appointment for that purpose advertised for two successive days in the Times newspaper published at London at least ten days before the day of such hearing appear and desire to be heard. The arbitrator before referred to shall be the most honourable Robert Arthur Talbot marquis of Salisbury, or him failing, John Hawkshaw, Esquire, or him failing, a single arbitrator to be appointed by the board of trade at the request of the directors of each company in writing under its common seal; the award of such arbitrator shall be final and absolute, and the directors shall distribute among the shareholders the residue of the said purchase money and compensation in strict and absolute conformity with such award; and all the costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to any and every such arbitration shall be paid by the company requiring the same:

(6.) In the case of the United Kingdom company, with regard to their six per cent. debenture debt, the arbitrator shall before distribution of the residue among the shareholders consider and determine whether the holders of such stock ought or not to receive any and what amount beyond the naked debt and interest in respect of the conditions attaching to such stock, and he shall award accordingly:

(7.) Every officer and clerk of any company, the undertaking of which may be so purchased, who has been not less than five years in the service of Telegraph companies, and in the receipt of a yearly salary, or who has been not less than seven years in the service of Telegraph companies, is in receipt of renumeration at a rate of not less than fifty pounds a year, shall, if he receives no offer of an appointment by the postmaster general, in the telegraphic de-partment, which shall be deemed by an arbitrator appointed by agreement, or, failing agreement, appointed by the recorder of London for the time being, to be of equal value to the appointment held by him under any company, receive during his life from the postmaster general, by way of compensation for the loss of his office, from the time at which 81 & 32 Vict. c. 110, vi.

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the government takes possession of the company's Telegraph, an annuity payable halfyearly, equal, if he shall have been in the service of Telegraph companies twenty years, to two thirds of the annual emolument derived by him from his office on the twenty-fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and with respect to any such person who has been in such service less than twenty years the said annuity shall be diminished at the rate of one twentieth for every year less than twenty years during which he has been in such service; such officers and clerks as enter into the service of the postmaster general shall be entitled to count their past years of continuous service with the Telegraph companies as years passed in the civil service of the crown, and all such officers and clerks upon their appointment be deemed to be, to all intents and purposes, officers and clerks in the permanent civil service of the crown, and shall be entitled to the same but no other privileges.

Post-master general to enter into contracts with certain railway companies.

9. Whereas the railway companies in the United Kingdom are for the most part either themselves owners of telegraphs which are used for the conveyance of public messages, and which are also essential for the safe conduct of the traffic on their respective undertakings, or they have contracts for various terms of years with telegraph companies, whose telegraphic apparatus is placed in the stations and along the railways and canals of the railway companies, by which contracts provision is made with respect to the matters aforesaid: and, whereas, with certain railway companies agreements have been entered into by the postmaster general (subject to the approbation of parliament), which agreements are referred to in schedules to this act, and it is expedient that with respect to certain other railway companies, namely, the London and North-western, the Midland, the Lancashire and Yorkshire, the Great Northern, the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, the North Stafferdshire, the Great Eastern, the London, Brighton, and South Coast, the Metropolitan, the Metropolitan District, the Metropolitan and St. John's Wood, the Highland, the Sutherland, the Leven and East of Fife, the Glasgow and South-western, and the Great North of Scotland, the provisions herein-after contained be made as to the undertakings belonging separately to the said companies or held by them jointly with any other com-31 & 32 VICT. 0. 110, vii.

pany, or held by them respectively on lease: be it there. 81 & 32 Vioz. fore enacted as follows:—

- (1.) The postmaster general shall give to each railway company three months notice before he acquires the undertakings of any of the telegraph companies with which the railway company has agreements; and on the expiration of such notice such agreements shall cease and determine:
- (2.) On such acquisition as aforesaid all the posts, wires, instruments, and other telegraphic apparatus belonging to the railway company, and also all posts, wires, instruments, and other telegraphic apparatus belonging to the telegraph companies on the railway company's lines and canals which are necessary for establishing a complete system of telegraphy in connexion with the working of trains and the traffic of the lines and canals, shall become the absolute property of the railway company, and shall be handed over to them by the postmaster general free of charge in efficient working order, so that the railway company may be in a position at once to take up and carry on their own telegraph work on their own system, and thereafter the said posts, wires, instruments, and other telegraphic apparatus shall be maintained and worked by the railway company:
- (8.) On such acquisition as aforesaid the postmaster general shall be entitled to use from telegraph stations not on the lines of railway all the wires belonging to the respective telegraph companies on the line, and employed exclusively in the transmission of the public telegraph business, which are erected on the poles to be handed over to the railway company under paragraph (2); and he, at his cost, shall also be entitled to call upon the railway company to erect and maintain additional wires on the said poles, provided they are sufficiently strong and high for the purpose; and also to erect new poles at places to be agreed upon with wires over any of the lines and canals of the company, but so that such new poles shall not interfere in any way with the convenience or working of the railway or canals of the company, or obstruct the working of the traffic thereon. The railway company shall maintain all the posts and wires used for public mes-

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81 & 82 Viot. CAP. 110. sages, the postmaster general paying for the same as may be agreed or settled by arbitration:

(4.) The postmaster general may require the railway company to affix wires to existing posts (if they can bear them), and the company may have a like power to affix wires to the posts belonging from time to time to the postmaster general, if sufficient for the purpose, and the cost of maintenance of such posts shall be divided between the postmaster general and the company, in proportion to the number of wires belonging to

each on each post:

(5.) The railway company may shift the poles, wires, and apparatus belonging to the postmaster general when necessary for the purposes of their works or traffic; but in all such cases the postmaster general shall pay to the railway company the actual costs incurred in shifting such poles and apparatus, but if such poles support the wires of the railway company and of the postmaster general, the cost of shifting the same shall be apportioned according to the number of wires belonging to or respectively used by the railway company and the postmaster general.

(6.) The postmaster general shall pay the railway company the following sums by way of com-

pensation :-

a. Twenty years purchase of the amount of the net annual receipts (if any) of public telegraph messages received and forwarded by the railway company on their own account, reckoned on a basis of the receipts derived therefrom over a continuous period of twelve months prior to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight:

b. Twenty times the amount of the estimated annual increase, calculated upon the average increase of the preceding three years of the said receipts from telegraphic messages, or where the business has been commenced within three years calculated upon the increase during such shorter period, such annual amount in case of difference to be settled by arbitration:

e. All rents and annual or other payments 31 & 32 Vicr. c. 110, ix.

payable to the railway company by pub- 81 & 32 Ver. lic telegraph companies during the still unexpired periods embraced in their respective agreements, and at the terms mentioned in said agreements respectively:

tively:

d. Such sums as shall be agreed upon, or in default of agreement as shall be settled by arbitration, in respect of the loss by the railway company of the privilege of granting other wayleaves and making future arrangements with telegraph or other companies, and in respect of granting a monopoly to the postmaster general for the conveyance of telegraphs over their railways as herein provided

for:
Such sums as shall be agreed upon, or in default of agreement as shall be settled by arbitration, as the value of the railway company's reversionary interest (if any) in the telegraph receipts from public messages on the expiration of the agreements with the respective telegraph companies:

Such sums as shall be agreed upon, or in default of agreement as shall be settled by arbitration, for the loss occasioned by removal of any clerks now provided by the telegraph company, and for any extra cost which the railway company may incur in working their telegraph for railway purposes as a separate system:

g. The postmaster general shall transmit to their respective destinations all messages of the railway company in any way relating to the business of the company to

and from any "foreign stations" in the United Kingdom free of charge:

A. On such acquisition as aforesaid, the postmaster general shall, as herein provided, have a perpetual right of way for his poles and wires over the whole of the railway company's system, and in consideration thereof he shall pay to the railway company such sum per mile per wire over the whole of the said system, by way of yearly rent, as shall be deter81 & 82 Vior. CAP. 110. mined by agreement between the parties, or failing agreement, as shall be fixed by arbitration:

The arbitrator, in determining the amounts to be paid to the railway company under this act, shall have regard to the agreements which subsist between the railway company and any telegraph company, and also to a compulsory sale being required from the railway company; and in estimating the amount to be paid under any one part of this section shall have regard to the advantages to be obtained and the disadvantages to be sustained by the railway company under any other part of this section:

(7.) The railway company shall, if required by the postmaster general so to do, from time to time, at such times and under such regulations as shall be agreed upon, receive messages for transmission by the public or private telegraph wires (but if the latter, the railway messages to have priority), and shall at the postmaster general's sole risk and expense transmit the same either to their place of destination, if upon the company's lines, or to some convenient post office as shall be arranged, and in respect of such receipt and transmission the company shall act as agents of the postmaster general, and shall receive in respect thereof such remuneration as shall be agreed upon, or in case of difference as shall be from time to time settled by arbitration. The postmaster general to provide the necessary instruments at the railway company's stations for the public wires, such instruments to be maintained by the railway company at the expense of the postmaster general:

(8.) The railway company may, notwithstanding anything in this act contained, and without payment to the postmaster general, from time to time make arrangements with coalmasters, ironmasters, and traders generally upon the company's system for the erection and working of private telegraphs between coalpits, ironworks, factories, warehouses, and offices in connexion with the stations of the company, or over their line; but such telegraphs shall be used for the transaction of private business only, and no money payment

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shall be made or received in respect thereof 81 & 82 Vior. except by way of annual rent or payment for CAP. 110. wayleave and other accommodation:

(9.) Except as aforesaid, the railway company shall not transmit or permit the transmission of any telegraphic message through their wires:

(10.) All matters of difference between the postmaster general and railway companies arising under this act shall be settled by arbitration, in conformity with the enactments of "The Railway 22 & 23 Vict. Companies Arbitration Act, 1859," with respect costs to the settlement of disputes by arbitration; and the provisions of that act with respect to arbitration shall for these purposes be incor-

porated with this act:
(11.) Notwithstanding anything specified in this act or in any agreement by this act confirmed, the umpire to be appointed in any arbitration between the postmaster general and any railway company shall, in default of appointment by the arbitrators, be nominated by the chief justice of her majesty's court of Common Pleas at Westminster for the time being.

10. The sums to be received by the directors of Application Reuter's Telegram Company (Limited) by virtue of the of sums reagreement between the postmaster general and the com-estivat by pany shall be applied in the first instance in the payment Telegraph of the debts and liabilities of the company (if any) other Company by then their current debts then in payment of any sums virtue of than their current debts, then in payment of any sums agreement which may be voted by a general meeting of the share- with postholders in recognition of the services conferred upon the master gecompany by any individuals attached thereto, or which may with the authority of a general meeting be deducted and retained for the purposes of the general business of the company, and the residue shall be distributed by the directors among the shareholders according to their several interests in the company.

CANAL COMPANIES.

11. On such acquisition of any undertaking the exist- Postmaster ing agreements between the late Duke of Bridgewater's general may trustees, the late George Granville Francis Egerton late right of way Earl of Ellesmere, and the United Kingdom Telegraph over the Company (Limited), shall determine, and the postmaster canal. general shall have such right of way for his poles, wires, and telegraphic apparatus over the whole of the canal system, and the property of the said trustees, in perpetuity as is granted for a term or terms of years by the provisions of such agreements, and in consideration thereof 81 & 82 Vict. c. 110. xii.

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\$1 & 82 Vict. he shall pay to the said trustees such sum by way of yearly rent as shall be determined by agreement, or fail-ing agreement as shall be fixed by arbitration as in this act is provided; and the arbitrator in determining the amount to be paid to the said trustees during the period of such existing agreements shall have regard to the said agreements and to a compulsory sale of such right of way; and the said trustees shall, as in the said agreements or either of them mentioned, continue to have in perpetuity the exclusive use of such isolated and additional and other telegraphic wires and connexions as provided in the said agreements, or some or one of them; and the postmaster general shall also transmit to their respective destinations all messages of the said trustees and the Earl of Ellesmere respectively, and their respective agents and clerks, bona fide relating to the business of the said trust or undertaking, between any places in the united kingdom free of charge.

Postmaster general may acquire a Grand Junction canal.

12. On such acquisition as aforesaid the existing agreements between the company of proprietors of the Grand right of way Junction Canal and the United Kingdom Telegraph Company (Limited) shall determine, and the postmaster general shall have a perpetual right of way for his poles, wires, and telegraphic apparatus over the whole of the canal company's system of navigation as it now exists, or may hereafter be altered or converted, but so that such poles, wires, and apparatus shall not interfere in any way with the convenience and working of the canal or its alteration from time to time, or conversion in whole or in part into a railway, or obstruct the working of the traffic thereon, and in consideration thereof he shall pay to the canal company such sum by way of yearly rent as shall be determined by agreement, or failing agreement as shall be fixed by arbitration in the manner in this act provided with respect to arbitrations with railway companies (for which purpose the canal company shall be held to be a railway company); and the arbitrator in determining the amount to be paid to the canal company shall have regard to the agreements which subsist between the canal company and the said telegraph company and also to a compulsory sale being required of such right of way; and the postmaster general shall also transmit to their respective destinations all messages of the said canal company bona fide relating to the business of that company between any places in the united kingdom free of charge.

Agreements coufirmed.

- 13. Subject to the provisions of this act, the several agreements referred to in the schedule to this act are hereby confirmed.
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14. It shall be lawful for her majesty's postmaster 81 & 82 Vicz. general, with the consent of the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury, from time to time to lease any Power to part or parts of the undertaking or property purchased postmaster or acquired by him under the powers of this act.

15. The postmaster general, with the consent of the perty. commissioners of her majesty's treasury, may from time Postmaster to time make regulations for determining the hours general to during which the offices appointed by him to be places make regu-for the receipt and despatch of messages shall be open conduct of for the transaction of telegraphic business, and for fixing business. the sums to be from time to time paid for the transmission charges. of messages, and for services rendered in connexion therewith, and for the general conduct of telegraphic business: Provided always.

(1.) That the charges for the transmission of messages throughout the united kingdom shall uniformly and without regard to distance be at a rate not exceeding one shilling for the first twenty words of each message, or part of twenty words, and not exceeding threepence for each additional

five words or part of five words:

(2.) That the names and addresses of the senders and receivers of messages shall not be counted as part of the words for which payment shall be

required:

(3.) That the sums charged for the transmission of messages shall be held to cover the costs of delivery by special foot messenger within the limit of one mile of the terminal telegraph office, or within the limit of the town postal delivery of that office, when it is a head post office, and the town postal delivery extends for more than a mile from it:

(4.) That when the addressee does not reside within the above-described limits, and the sender desires to have his message delivered by special foot messenger, the charge to him for porterage by such special messenger shall not exceed sixpence per double mile, or any part thereof, beyond such limits:

(5.) That when the addressee does not reside within the above described limits, and the sender does not desire to incur the cost of special delivery, his message shall be delivered free of extra charge by the ordinary postal delivery next following on the arrival of his message at the terminal telegraphic office.

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Power to
postmaster
general to
enter into
special
agreements
with proprietors of
mewspapers.

16. Notwithstanding anything in this act, it shall be lawful for the postmaster general, with the consent of the commissioners of her majesty's treasury, from time to time to make contracts, agreements, and arrangements with the proprietor or publisher of any public registered. newspaper, or the proprietor or occupier of any news room, club, or exchange room, for the transmission and delivery, or the transmission or delivery of telegraphic communications at rates not exceeding one shilling for every hundred words transmitted between the hours of six p.m. and nine a.m., and at rates not exceeding one shilling for every seventy-five words transmitted between the hours of nine a.m. and six p.m. to a single address, with an additional charge of twopence for every hundred words, or twopence for every seventy-five words, as the case may be, of the same telegraphic communication so transmitted to every additional address: provided always, that the postmaster general may from time to time, with the like consent, let to any such proprietor, publisher, or occupier the special use of a wire (during such period of twelve hours per diem as may be agreed on) for the purposes of such newspaper, news room, club, or exchange room, at a rate not exceeding five hundred pounds per annum: provided also, that no such proprietor, publisher, or occupier shall have any undue priority or preference in respect of such rates over any other such proprietor. publisher, or occupier.

Messages having priority to be specially marked. 17. Every telegraph message which, by virtue of the provisions of "The Telegraph Act, 1863," or any other act, shall have priority in order of transmission over any other message intrusted to the postmaster general for transmission, shall have the word, "priority" specially stamped or marked thereon by the secretary of state, the board of trade, or other department of her majesty's government sending the same; and every message so stamped or marked shall be retained by the postmaster general for a period of not less than twelve calendar months from the date thereof.

Payments to be made by means of stamps. 18. The payments to the postmaster general for the transmission of telegraphic messages from one place to another within the united kingdom shall (except for porterage) be made in all cases by means of stamps, and the postmaster general shall cause a proper supply of stamps and stamped paper to be prepared for that purpose, and kept for sale to the public at such of the offices under his control as he may think fit to appoint for that purpose.

Power to appoint 19. Besides appointing offices to be places for the transmission of messages by means of the electric tele-31 & 32 Vior. c. 110. xv. graph, the postmaster general may, if he think fit, 31 & 82 Vior, appoint offices or pillar letter boxes to be places of deposit for messages, and the messages deposited therein offices for shall, provided they be written on stamped paper of the depositing proper value, or on paper having stamps of the proper messages. value affixed thereto, be conveyed to the offices of transmission without extra charge, at such times as the ordinary collections of post letters are made from the aforesaid places of deposit, and shall forthwith be despatched by telegraph from the offices of transmission.

20. Any person having official duties connected with Punishment the post office, or acting on behalf of the postmaster for disclos-general, who shall, contrary to his duty, disclose or in cepting any way make known or intercept the contents or any messages. part of the contents of any telegraphic messages or any message entrusted to the postmaster general for the purposes of transmission, shall, in Engla I and in Ireland, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in Scotland of a crime and offence, and shall upon conviction be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve calendar months; and the postmaster general shall make regulations to carry out the intentions of this section, and to prevent the improper use by any person in his employment or acting on his behalf of any knowledge he may acquire of the contents of any telegraphic message.

21. In every case where an offence shall be committed Property in in respect of a telegraphic message sent by or intrusted telegraphic to the postmaster general, it shall be lawful and suffit to be laid in cient, in the indictment or criminal letters to be preferred postmaster against the offender, to lay the property of such tele-general. graphic message in her majesty's postmaster general, without specifying any further or other name, addition, or description whatsoever, and it shall not be necessary in the indictment or criminal letters to allege or to prove upon the trial or otherwise that the telegraphic message was of any value; and in any indictment or in any criminal letters to be preferred against any person employed under the post office for any offence committed under this act it shall be lawful and sufficient to state and allege that such offender was employed under the post office at the time of the committing of such offence, without stating further the nature or particulars of his employment.

22. All land, property, and undertakings purchased Postmaster or acquired by the postmaster general under this act general to pay rates, shall be assessable and rateable in respect to local, muni- &c. cipal, and parochial rates, assessments, and charges at sums not exceeding the rateable value at which such land, property, and undertakings were properly assessed 81 & 82 Vict. c. 110. xvi.

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Copies of regulations to be laid before parliament.

23. Copies of all contracts, agreements, and arrangements from time to time made under the authority of this act shall be laid before both houses of parliament within fourteen days of the commencement of the session next succeeding the making of every such contract, agreement, and arrangement; the copies of all regulations from time to time made under the authority of this act shall be laid before both houses of parliament within fourteen days from the date thereof if parliament be then sitting, and if not sitting then within fourteen days from the next re-assembling of parliament, and all regulations so made shall be binding on the parties interested in the subject matter thereof to the same extent as if such regulations formed part of this act.

Provision as to payment of costs to railway and telegraph com nanies if objects of act not carried out.

24. In case no act shall be passed during this or the next session of parliament, putting at the disposal of the postmaster general such monies as shall be requisite for carrying into effect the objects and purposes of this act, the provisions contained in this act or in the agreements hereby confirmed relating to the arrangements with railway and telegraph companies, and all proceedings thereunder, shall become void, and the postmaster general shall thereupon pay to the several companies mentioned in such clauses or agreements all reasonable costs and expenses (if any) properly incurred by them respectively in relation to any proceedings taken under this act.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

1. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the Great Western railway company, dated the 9th day of July 1868.

2. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the London and South-western railway company, dated the 10th day of July 1868.

3. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the London, Chatham, and Dover railway company, dated the 9th day of July 1868.

4. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the South-eastern railway company, dated the 14th day of July 1868.

5. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the North-eastern railway company, dated the 8th day of July 1868.

6. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the Bristol and Exeter railway company, dated the 9th day of July 1868,

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- 7. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the submarine telegraph company between Great Britain and the continent of Europe and the submarine telegraph company between France and England (Société and Carmichael and company), dated the 11th day of July 1868.
- 8. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and
- Reuter's telegram company (limited), dated the 14th day of July 1868.

 9. Agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the Atlantic telegraph company and Anglo-American telegraph company (limited), dated the 8th day of July 1868.
- 10. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the North British railway company, dated the 16th day of July 1868.
- 11. An agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the Caledonian railway company, dated the 16th day of July 1868.
- 12. Articles of agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the universal private telegraph company (limited), dated the 14th day of July 1868.
- 13. Heads of agreement between her majesty's postmaster general and the London and provincial telegraph company (limited), dated the 16th day of July 1868.

REGULATION OF RAILWAYS, 1868.

81 & 32 Vict. Cap. 119. An Act to amend the Law relating to Railways. [31st July 1868.]

BE it enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

PRELIMINARY.

Short title.

terms.

1. This act may be cited as the Regulation of Railways Act, 1868.

Interpre. 2. In this act-

The term "railway" means the whole or any portion of a railway or tramway, whether worked by steam or otherwise:

The term "company" means a company incorporated, either before or after the passing of this act, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, or working a railway in the United Kingdom (either alone or in conjunction with any other purpose), and includes, except when otherwise expressed, any individual or individuals not incorporated who are owners or lessees of a railway in the United Kingdom, or parties to an agreement for working a railway in the United Kingdom:

The term "person" includes a body corporate.

I.—Accounts, Audit, &c.

Uniform accounts, &c. to be kept,

8. Every incorporated company, seven days at least before each ordinary half-yearly meeting held after the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, shall prepare and print, according to the forms contained in the first schedule to this act, a statement of accounts and balance sheet for the last preceding half year, and the other statements and certificates required by the same schedule, and an estimate of the proposed expenditure out of capital for the next ensuing half year, and such statement of accounts and balance sheet shall be the statement of accounts and

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balance sheet which are submitted to the auditors of the S1 & 33 Vior. Every company which makes default in complying with this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which such default continues. The board of trade, with the consent of a company, may alter the said forms as regards such company for the purpose of adapting them to the circumstances of such company, or of better carrying into effect the objects of this section.

4. Every statement of accounts, balance sheet, and decounts, estimate of expenditure, prepared as required by this signed, and act, shall be signed by the chairman or deputy chairman printed of the directors and by the accountant or other officer in tributed. charge of the accounts of the company, and shall be preserved at the company's principal office. A printed copy thereof shall be forwarded to the board of trade, and at all times after the date at which it is required to be printed be given, on application, to every person who holds any ordinary or preference share or stock in the company, or any mortgage, debenture, or debenture stock of the company; and every such person may at all reasonable times, without fee or charge, peruse the original in the possession of the company. Any company which acts in contravention of this section shall be liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

5. If any statement, balance sheet, estimate, or re- Penalty for port which is required by this act is false in any particular to the knowledge of any person who signs the &c. same, such person shall be liable, on conviction thereof on indictment, to fine and imprisonment, or on summary ponviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding fifty oounds.

6. The board of trade may appoint one or more com- Examination petent inspectors to examine into the affairs of an incor- of affairs by inspecporated company and the condition of its undertaking, tors. or any part thereof, and to report thereon, upon any one of the applications following; that is to say,

1. Upon application made in pursuance of a resolution

passed at a meeting of directors:

2. Upon application by the holders of not less than two fifths part of the aggregate amount of the ordinary shares or stock of the company for the time being issued:

3. Upon application by the holders of not less than one half of the aggregate amount of the mortgages, debentures, and debenture stock (if any) of the company for the time being issued:

4. Upon application by the holders of not less than

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81 & 82 VICT CAP. 119. two fifths of the aggregate amount of the guaranteed or preference shares or stock of the company for the time being issued, provided that the preference capital issued amounts to not less than one third of the whole share capital of the company.

Application to be supported by evidence. 7. The application shall be made in writing, signed by the applicants, and shall be supported by such evidence as the board of trade may require, for the purpose of showing that the applicants have good reason for requiring such examination to be made; the board of trade may also, before appointing any inspector or inspectors, require the applicants to give security for payment of the costs of the inquiry.

Inspection of company's books and property.

8. It shall be the duty of the directors, officers, and agents of the company to produce, for the examination of the inspectors, all books and documents relating to the affairs of the company in their custody or power, and to afford to the inspectors all reasonable facilities for the inspection of the property and undertaking of the company. Any inspector may examine upon oath the officers and agents of the company in relation to its business, and may administer such oath accordingly. Any person who, when so examined on oath, makes any false statement, knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of perjury.

If any director, officer, or agent refuses to produce any book or document hereby directed to be produced, or to afford the facilities for inspection hereby required to be afforded, or if any officer or agent refuses to answer any question relating to the affairs of the company, he shall incur a penalty of five pounds for

every day during which the refusal continues.

Result of examination, how dealt with. 9. Upon the conclusion of the examination the inspectors shall report their opinion to the board of trade and to the company, and the company shall print the same, and deliver a copy thereof to the board of trade, and, on application, to any person who holds any ordinary or preference share or stock, or any mortgage, debenture, or debenture stock of the company. All expenses of and incidental to any such examination as aforesaid shall be defrayed by the persons upon whose application the inspectors were appointed unless the board of trade shall direct the same or any portion thereof to be paid by the company, which they are hereby authorized to do.

Power of company to appoint inspectors.

10. Any company may, by resolution at an extraordinary meeting, appoint inspectors for the purpose of examining into the affairs of the company and the condition of the company's undertaking. The inspectors so

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appointed shall have the same powers and perform the 81 & 33 Vior. same duties as inspectors appointed by the board of trade, and shall make their report in such manner and to such persons as the company in general meeting directs; and the directors, officers, and agents of the company shall incur the same penalties, in case of any refusal to produce any book or document by this act required to be produced to such inspectors, or to afford the facilities for inspection by this act required to be afforded, or to answer any question, as they would have incurred if such inspectors had been appointed by the board of trade.

11. Whenever, after the passing of this act, section Auditor not one hundred and two of the Companies Clauses Consoli- necessarily a dation Act, 1845, is incorporated in a certificate or 8 & 9 Vict. special act relating to a railway company, it shall be a. 16. construed as if the words, "where no qualification shall "be prescribed by the special act every auditor shall "have at least one share in the undertaking," were omitted therefrom; and so much of every certificate and special act relating to a railway company, and in force at the passing of this act, as incorporates that portion of the said section, and so much of any special act relating to a railway company, and so in force, as contains a like provision, is hereby repealed.

12. With respect to the auditors of the company the Auditors of

following provision shall have effect:

(1.) The board of trade may, upon application made ment of in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting auditor by of the directors or at a general meeting of the trade. company, appoint an auditor in addition to the auditors of such company, and it shall not be necessary for any such auditor to be a shareholder in the company:

(2.) The company shall pay to such auditor appointed by the board of trade such reasonable remuneration as the board of trade may prescribe:

(3.) The auditor so appointed shall have the same duties and powers as the auditors of the company, and shall report to the company:

(4.) Where, in consequence of such appointment of an auditor or otherwise, there are three or more auditors, the company may declare a dividend if the majority of such auditors certify in manner required by section thirty of the Railway Companies Act, 1867, and the Railway Companies (Scotland) Act, 1867, respectively:

(5.) Where there is a difference of opinion among oc. 127, 128. 81 & 82 Vict. c. 119. iv.

company, and appoint-

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such auditors, the auditor who so differs shall issue to the shareholders, at the cost of the company, such statement respecting the grounds on which he differs from his colleagues, and respecting the financial condition and prospects of the company, as he thinks material for the information of the shareholders.

Issue of preferred and

18. Any company which, in the year immediately preceding has paid a dividend on their ordinary stock of divary stock, not less than three pounds per centum per annum may, pursuant to the resolution of an extraordinary general meeting, divide their paid-up ordinary stock into two classes, to be and to be called the one preferred ordinary stock, and the other deferred ordinary stock, and issue the same subject and according to the following provisions, and with the following consequences; (that is to say,)

(1.) Preferred and deferred ordinary stock shall be issued only in substitution for equal amounts of paid-up ordinary stock, and by way of division of portions of ordinary stock into two equal parts:

(2.) Such division may be made at any time, on the request in writing of the holder of paid-up ordinary stock, but not otherwise; and such request may apply to the whole of the ordinary stock of such holder or to any portion thereof divisible into twentieth parts:

(8.) Preferred ordinary stock and deferred ordinary stock shall not be issued except in sums of ten

pounds or multiples of ten pounds:

(4.) The certificates for any ordinary stock divided into preferred and deferred ordinary stock shall before such division be delivered up to the company, and shall be cancelled by them, and certificates for preferred ordinary stock and deferred ordinary stock shall be issued gratis in exchange by the company:

(5.) If in any case there is any part of the ordinary stock held by a stockholder comprised in one certificate which he does not desire to be divided. or which is incapable of division, under the provisions of this act, the company shall issue to him gratis a certificate for that amount as ordi-

nary stock:

(6.) As between preferred ordinary stock and deferred ordinary stock, preferred ordinary stock shall bear a fixed maximum dividend at the rate of six per centum per annum.

(7.) In respect of dividend to the extent of the maximum aforesaid, preferred ordinary stock shall,

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at the time of its creation, and at all times \$1 & 82 Vice afterwards, have priority over deferred ordinary stock created or to be created, and shall rank pari passu with the undivided ordinary stock and the ordinary shares of the company created or to be created; and in respect of dividend, preferred ordinary stock shall at all times and to all intents rank after all preference and guaranteed stock and shares of the company created or to be created:

(8.) In each year after all holders of preferred ordinary stock for the time being issued have received in full the maximum dividend aforesaid, all holders of deferred ordinary stock for the time being issued shall, in respect of all dividend exceeding that maximum paid by the company in that year on ordinary stock and shares, rank pari passu with the holders of undivided ordinary stock and of ordinary shares of the company for the time being issued:

(9.) If, nevertheless, in any year ending on the thirtyfirst day of December there are not profits available for payment to all the holders of preferred ordinary stock of the maximum dividend aforesaid, no part of the deficiency shall be made good out of the profits of any subsequent year, or out of any other funds of the

company:

(10.) Preferred ordinary stock and deferred ordinary stock from time to time shall confer such right of voting at meetings of the company, and shall confer and have all such other rights, qualifications, privileges, liabilities, and incidents, as from time to time attach and are incident to undivided ordinary stock of the company:

(11.) The terms and conditions on which any preferred ordinary stock or deferred ordinary stock is issued shall be stated on the certificate

thereof:

(12.) Preferred ordinary stock and deferred ordinary stock shall respectively be held on the same trusts, and subject to the same charges and liabilities, as those on and subject to which the ordinary stock in substitution for which the same are issued was held immediately before the substitution, and so as to give effect to any testamentary or other disposition of or affecting such ordinary stock.

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II.—OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITY OF COMPANIES AS

Liability of company during sea transit.

14. Where a company by through booking contracts to carry any animals, luggage, or goods from place to place partly by railway and partly by sea, or partly by canal and partly by sea, a condition exempting the company from liability for any loss or damage which may arise during the carriage of such animals, luggage, or goods by sea from the act of God, the king's enemies, fire, accidents from machinery, boilers, and steam, and all and every other dangers and accidents of the seas, rivers and navigation, of whatever nature and kind soever, shall, if published in a conspicuous manner in the office where such through booking is effected, and if printed in a legible manner on the receipt or freight note which the company gives for such animals, luggage, or goods, be valid as part of the contract between the consignor of such animals, luggage, or goods and the company in the same manner as if the company had signed and delivered to the consignor a bill of lading containing such condition. For the purposes of this section the word "company" includes the owners, lessees, or managers of any canal or other inland navigation.

Fares to be posted in stations. 15. On and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine every company shall cause to be exhibited in a conspicuous place in the booking office of each station on their line a list or lists painted, printed, or written in legible characters, containing the fares of passengers by the trains included in the time tables of the company from that station to every place for which passenger tickets are there issued.

Provision for securing equality of treatment where railway company works steam vessels.

16. Where a company is authorized to build, or buy, or hire, and to use, maintain, and work, or to enter into arrangements for using, maintaining, or working, steam vessels for the purpose of carrying on a communication between any towns or ports, and to take tolls in respect of such steam vessels, then and in every such case tolls shall be at all times charged to all persons equally and after the same rate in respect of passengers conveyed in a like vessel passing between the same places under like circumstances; and no reduction or advance in the tolls shall be made in favour of or against any person using the steam vessels in consequence of his having travelled or being about to travel on the whole or any part of the company's railway, or not having travelled or not being about to travel on any part thereof, or in favour of or against any person using the railway in consequence

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of his having used, or being about to use, or his not 81 & 82 Vior. having used or not being about to use, the steam vessels; and where an aggregate sum is charged by the company for conveyance of a passenger by a steam vessel and on the railway, the ticket shall have the amount of toll charged for conveyance by the steam vessel distinguished from the amount charged for conveyance on the railway.

The provisions of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 17 & 18 Vict. 1854, so far as the same are applicable, shall extend to c. 81.

the steam vessels, and to the traffic carried on thereby. 17. Where any charge shall have been made by a Company

company in respect of the conveyance of goods over their furnish parrailway, on application in writing within one week after ticulars of payment of the said charge made to the secretary of the charges for company by the person by whom or on whose account the same has been paid, the company shall within fourteen days render an account to the person so applying for the same, distinguishing how much of the said charge is for the conveyance of the said goods on the railway, including therein tolls for the use of the railway, for the use of carriages, and for locomotive power, and how much of such charge is for loading and unloading, covering, collection, delivery, and for other expenses, but without particularizing the several items of which the last-mentioned portion of the charge may consist.

18. Where two railways are worked by one company, Charge then in the calculation of tolls and charges for any dis- when two the calculation of tolls and charges for any dis- railways tances in respect of traffic (whether passengers, animals, worked by goods, carriages or vehicles) conveyed on both railways, one comthe distances traversed shall be reckoned continuously pany.

on such railways as if they were one railway.

19. Where proceedings are taken against a company Proceedings using a locomotive steam engine on a railway on account in case of non-conof the same not consuming its own smoke, then if it sumption of appears to the justices before whom the complaint is smoke. neard that the engine is constructed on the principle of consuming its own smoke, but that it failed to consume its own smoke, as far as practicable, at the time charged in the complaint through the default of the company, or of any servant in the employment of the company, such company shall be deemed guilty of an offence under the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, section one 8 & 9 Viet. hundred and fourteen.

20. All railway companies, except the metropolitan Smoking railway company, shall, from and after the first day of compart-October next, in every passenger train where there are classes. more carriages than one of each class, provide smoking compartments for each class of passengers, unless exempted by the board of trade.

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Railway companies to be liable to penalties trains for prize fights.

21. Any railway company that shall knowingly let for hire or otherwise provide any special train for the purpose of conveying parties to or to be present at any prize fight, or who shall stop any ordinary train to convenience or accommodate any parties attending a prize fight at any place not an ordinary station on their line, in case they shall be liable to a penalty, to be recovered in a summary way before two justices of the county in which such prize fight shall be held or shall be attempted to be held, of such sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, and not less than two hundred pounds, as such justices shall determine, one half of such penalty to be paid to the party at whose suit the summons shall be issued, and the other half to be paid to the treasurer of the county in which such prize fight shall be held or shall be attempted to be held in aid of the county rate; and service of the summons under which the penalty is sought to be enforced on the secretary of the company at his office ten days before the day of hearing shall be sufficient to give the justices before whom the case shall come jurisdiction to hear and determine the case.

III.—Provisions for Safety of Passengers.

Communica tion between passengers and the company's servants.

22. After the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, every company shall provide, and maintain in good working order, in every train worked by it which carries passengers, and travels more than twenty miles without stopping, such efficient means of communication between the passengers and the servants of the company in charge of the train as the board of trade may approve. If any company makes default in complying with this section, it shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for each case of de-Any rassenger who makes use of the said means of communication without reasonable and sufficient cause shall be liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Penalty for trespasses on railways.

23. If any person shall be or pass upon any railway, except for the purpose of crossing the same at any authorized crossing, after having received warning by the company which works such railway, or by any of their agents or servants, not to go or pass thereon, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding forty shillings for every such offence.

Trees dangerous to railways may be removed.

24. If any tree standing near to a railway shall be in danger of falling on the railway so as to obstruct the traffic, it shall be lawful for any two justices on the complaint of the company which works such railway to

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cause such tree to be removed or otherwise dealt with as 81 & 82 Vict. such justices may order, and the justices making such order may award compensation to be paid by the company making such complaint to the owner of the tree so ordered to be removed or otherwise dealt with as such justices shall think proper, and the amount of such compensation shall be recoverable in like manner as compensation recoverable before justices under "the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act. 1845."

IV.—Compensation for accidents.

25. Where a person has been injured or killed by an Arbitration accident on a railway, the board of trade, upon applica- of damages. tion in writing made jointly by the company from whom compensation is claimed and the person if he is injured, or his representatives if he is killed, may, if they think fit, appoint an arbitrator, who shall determine the compensation (if any) to be paid by the company.

26. Whenever any person injured by an accident on a Examinarailway claims compensation on account of the injury, tion by medical any judge of the court in which proceedings to recover man such compensation are taken, or any person who by the consent of the parties or otherwise has power to fix the amount of compensation, may order that the person injured be examined by some duly qualified medical practitioner named in the order, and not being a witness on either side, and may make such order with respect to the costs of such examination as he may think fit.

V.—Light Railways.

27. The board of trade may by licence authorize a Order for company applying for it to construct and work or to construction work as a light railway the whole or any part of a of railway railway which the company has power to construct or as a light

Before granting the licence the board of trade shall cause due notice of the application to be given, and shall consider all objections and representations received by them, and shall make such inquiry as they think

28. A light railway shall be constructed and worked Conditions subject to such conditions and regulations as the board and regulaof trade may from time to time impose or make: pro-light railvided, that (1.) the regulations respecting the weight of way. locomotive engines, carriages, and vehicles to be used on such railway shall not authorize a greater weight than eight tons to be brought upon the rails by any one

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81 & 82 Vior. pair of wheels; (2.) the regulations respecting the speed of trains shall not authorize a rate of speed exceeding at any time twenty-five miles an hour.

If the company or any person fails to comply with or acts in contravention of such conditions and regulations, or directs any one so to fail or act, such company or person shall respectively be liable to a penalty for each offence not exceeding twenty pounds, and to a like penalty for every day during which the offence continues; and every such person on conviction on indictment for any offence relating to the weight of engines, carriages, or vehicles, or the speed of trains, shall be also liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding two years.

Publication of regulatious.

29. The conditions and regulations of the board of trade relating to light railways shall be published and kept published by the company in manner directed with respect to bye-laws by section one hundred and ten of "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and the company shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which such conditions and regulations are not so published.

V1.—Arbitrations by Board of Trade.

Arbitrator appointed by board of trade.

30. Whenever the board of trade are required to make any award or to decide any difference in any case in . which a company is one of the parties, they may appoint an arbitrator to act for them, and his award or decision shall be deemed to be the award or decision of the board

If the arbitrator dies, or in the judgment of the board of trade becomes incapable or unfit, the board of trade

may appoint another arbitrator.

Remuneration of arbitrator.

31. The board of trade may fix the remuneration of any arbitrator or umpire appointed by them in pursuance of this or any other act in any case where a company is one of the parties, and may, if they think fit, frame a scale of remuneration for arbitrators or umpires so appointed by them, and no arbitrator or umpire so appointed by them shall be entitled to any larger remuneration than the amount fixed by the board of trade.

Cost, &c., of 22 & 23 Vict. cap. 59.

32. The provisions of sections eighteen to twenty-nine. arbitrations. both inclusive, of the Railway Companies Arbitration Act, 1859, shall, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof. apply to an arbitrator appointed by the board of trade, and to his arbitration and award, notwithstanding that one of the parties between whom he is appointed to arhitrate may not be a railway company; and in construing

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those sections for the purpose of this act the word "com- 81 & 32 Vica panies" shall be construed to mean the parties to the

arbitration.

33. All disputed questions as to any costs, charges, charges, charges, dec. and expenses of and incident to any arbitration or award to be taxed made under the provisions of "The Land Clauses Con- and settled by masters solidation Act, 1845," or of any special act of parliament of the court incorporating the same, whether the question in dispute of queen's arise as to compensation to be made for lands required to bench. be purchased and actually taken by any railway com- cap. 18. pany, or in respect of the injurious affecting of other lands not taken, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall, Sect. 38 if either party so requires, be taxed and settled as be-repealed by tween the parties by one of the masters of the court of 6.18, s. 2. queen's bench; and it shall be lawful for such master to receive and take in respect of each folio in length of every bill of costs so settled a fee of one shilling and no more, and such fee shall be taken in money and not in stamps, and may be retained by the said master for his own use and benefit.

VII.—Miscellaneous.

34. Every incorporated company shall print correct Printed copies of the shareholders address book of the company sopies of corrected up to the first day of December in every year, address and affix an asterisk against the names of those qualified book. to act as directors.

After the expiration of one fortnight from the aforesaid date the company shall, on application, supply such printed copies at a price not exceeding five shillings for each copy to every person who holds any ordinary or preference shares or stock in the company, or any mortgage debenture or debenture stock of the company.

Any company which acts in contravention of this section shall be liable for each offence to a penalty not ex-

ceeding twenty pounds.

35. When a bill is introduced into either house of Meeting parliament conferring on an incorporated company addi-tional powers, or when an incorporated company and to applicational powers, or when an incorporated company applies tion for act to the board of trade for a certificate conferring on it or certificate. additional powers, the following provisions shall have sect 35 effect; namely,

1st. Before the bill is read a second time in the house 82 & 38 Viot. of parliament into which it is first introduced, or before the application is made to the board of trade (as the case may be), the bill or draft certificate (as the case may be) shall be sub-

repealed by

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81 & 82 VICT. CAP. 119. mitted to a meeting of the proprietors of such company at a meeting held specially for that purpose:

2nd. Such meeting shall be called by advertisement inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in a morning newspaper published in London. Edinburgh, or Dublin, as the case may be, and in a newspaper of the county or counties in which the principal office or offices of the company is or are situate, and also by a circular addressed to each proprietor at his registered or last known or usual address, and sent by post, or delivered at such address not less than ten days before the holding of such meeting, enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for the use of the same; and the same form of proxy and the same instructions shall be sent to every such proprietor, and shall be addressed to each proprietor on the back of the form of proxy; but no such form of proxy shall be stamped before it is sent out, nor shall the funds of the company be used for the stamping of any proxies, nor shall any intimation be sent as to any person to whom the proxy may be given or addressed; and no other circular or form of proxy relating to such meeting shall be sent to any proprietor from the office of the company, or by any director or officer of the company so describing himself:

3rd. Such meeting shall be held on a day not earlier than seven days after the last insertion of such advertisement, and may be held on the same day as an ordinary general meeting of the company:

4th. At such meeting the bill or draft certificate shall be submitted to the proprietors, and shall not be proceeded with unless approved of by proprietors present in person or by proxy, holding at least three fourths of the paid up capital of the company represented at such meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at all ordinary meetings of the company in right of such capital; the votes of proprietors of any paid up shares or stock, other than debenture stock, not qualified to vote at ordinary meetings, whose interests may be affected by the proposed act or certificate, if tendered at the meeting, shall be recorded separately:

5th. There shall be laid before parliament or the board of trade (as the case may require) a statement 31 & 32 Vior. o. 119. xiii.

of the number of votes if a poll was taken, and 81 & 82 Vior the number of votes recorded separately.

86. Whenever in pursuance of any notice under the Special act of the session of the first and second years of the Trains exreign of her present majesty, chapter ninety-eight, "to clusively for provide for the conveyance of mails by railways," or 12 viet. otherwise, the mails or post letter bags are conveyed and a 98. forwarded by a company on their railway by a special train, the postmaster general may by the same or any other notice in writing require that the whole of such special train shall be appropriated to the service of the post office exclusively of all other traffic except such as he may sanction, and the remuneration to be paid for such service shall be settled as prescribed by the sixth section of that act.

87. All requisitions, notices, and documents which re- service of late to a company, if purporting to be signed by the requisitions, dec. by postpostmaster general or some secretary or assistant secretary to the post office, or by some officer appointed for general. the purpose by the postmaster general, shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been so signed, and to have been given or made by the postmaster general. and the provisions of the act of the session of the first and second years of the reign of her present majesty, chapter ninety-eight, "to provide for the conveyance of mails by railways," requiring any notice, requisition, or document to be under the hand of the postmaster general, are hereby repealed.

38. The Railway Companies Powers Act, 1864, shall Extension of take effect and apply in the following cases in the same scope of Railway manner as if they were specified in section three of that Companies act; (that is to say),

Where a company desire to make new provisions, or to alter any of the provisions of their special act, or of the "Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 27 & 28 Vict. 1845," so far as it is incorporated therewith, with respect to all or any of the matters following; namely,

(a.) The general meetings of the company, and the exercise of the right of voting by the shareholders:

(b.) The appointment, number, and rotation of directors:

(c.) The powers of directors:

(d.) The proceedings and liabilities of directors:

(e.) The appointment and duties of auditors.

89. All requisitions, orders, regulations, appointments, service of certificates, licences, notices, and documents which relate requisitions, to a company, if purporting to be signed by some secre-

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31 & 32 Vior. tary or assistant secretary of or by some officer appointed for the purpose by the board of trade, shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been so signed, and to have been given or made by the board of trade. They may be served by the board of trade on any company in the manner in which notices may be served under the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845; and all notices, returns, and other documents required to be made, delivered, or sent by a company to the board of trade shall be left at the office of, or transmitted through the post addressed to, the board of trade.

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40. Every penalty imposed by this act shall be re-Recovery, 40. Every penalty imposed by this do. of Penal-covered and applied in the same manner as penalties imposed by the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and the Railways Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845, (as the case may require,) are for the time being

recoverable and applicable.

Company may apply to common law judge at Westcompensation under 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18.

41. Whenever, in the case of any lands purchased or taken otherwise than by agreement for the purposes of any public railway, any question of compensation in respect thereof, or any question of compensation in respect minster to hear cases of of lands injuriously affected by the execution of the works of any public railway, is under the provisions of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," to be settled by the verdict of a jury empannelled and summoned as in that act mentioned, the company or the party entitled to the compensation may, at any time before the issuing by the company to the sheriff as by that act directed, apply to a judge of any one of the superior courts of common law at Westminster, who shall, if he think fit, make an order for trial of the question in one of the superior courts upon such terms and in such manner as to him shall seem fit; and the question between the parties shall be stated in an issue to be settled in case of difference by the judge. or as he shall direct, and such issue may be entered for trial and tried accordingly in the same manner as any issue joined in an ordinary action at such place as the judge shall direct; and the proceedings in respect of such issue shall be under and subject to the control and jurisdiction of the court as in ordinary actions therein, but so nevertheless that the jury shall, where the issue relates to the value of lands to be purchased, and also to compensation claimed for injury done or to be done to lands held therewith, deliver their verdict separately in manner provided by the forty-ninth section of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

Company may obtain judge's order instead of

42. Whenever a company is called upon or liable under the provisions of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," to issue their warrant to the sheriff in the case of any disputed compensation, and the company

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shall obtain a judge's order as in the last preceding section 81 & 82 Vior. mentioned, the obtaining of such an order and notice . thereof to the opposite party shall be a satisfaction of the issuing company's duty in respect of the issue of the warrant.

43. The verdict of the jury and judgment of the court Power of upon any issue authorised by this act shall, as regards verdict of costs and every other matter incident to or consequent judgment of thereon, have the same operation and be entitled to the the court. same effect as if that verdict and judgment had been the verdict of a jury and judgment of a sheriff upon an inquiry conducted upon a warrant to the sheriff issued by the company under "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

44. In so far as any expression used in any of the three Interpretapreceding sections of this act has any special meaning tion of certain exassigned to it by "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, pressions. 1845," each such expression shall in this act have the

meaning so assigned to it.

45. Wherever under the provisions of the Lanus masters for Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or of any act incorpodictermining 45. Wherever under the provisions of the Lands Fees to rating, altering, or amending the same, the costs of any questions of proceedings for determining a question of disputed compensation are settled by one of the masters of the court tion. of queen's bench in England or Ireland, it shall be lawful for such masters to receive and take in respect of each folio in length of every bill of costs so settled a fee of one shilling and no more; and such fee shall be taken in money and not in stamps, and may be retained by the said masters for their own use and benefit.

46. Where notice in writing of a proposed application frame under "The Railways (Extension of Time) Act, 1868," 31 & 32 Vict. for extension of the time limited for any of the purposes c. 18. mentioned in that act, is received by the board of trade before the expiration of such time, or if the time has expired during the present session of parliament before the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and the application is duly made within the period prescribed by the said act, then a warrant of the board of trade extending the time, although issued after the expiration thereof, shall have effect from the date of such expiration as if it had been previously issued.

47. The enactments described in the second schedule As to repeat to this act are hereby repealed.

But this repeal shall not affect—

(1.) The validity or invalidity of anything duly done schedule. or suffered under any enactment repealed by this section:

(2.) Any right acquired or accrued or liability incurred, or any remedy in respect thereof.

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[No 2.] STATEMENT OF STOCK AND SHARE CAPITAL CREATED, SHOWING THE PROPORTION RECEIVED.

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[No. 6.] RETURN OF WORKING STOCK.

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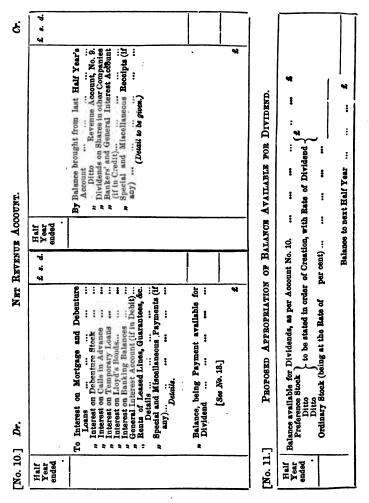
[No. 7.] ESTIMATE OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

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	During the Half Year ending .	In subsequent Half Years.	Total
Lines open for Traffic (Particulars, showing principal Items.)			
Lines in course of Construction (Details of each Line.)			
Working Stock			
Subscription to other Railways (Specifying Lines.)			
Docks, Steamboats, and other special Items (Particulars.)			
Works not yet commenced and in abeyance (in detail)			
Other Items (in detail)			
Total estimated further Expenditure of Capital			

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C. REPAIRS AND RENEWALS OF CARRIAGES AND WAGGONS.

Half Year ended		£	đ	£	8.	ď.
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CERTIFICATE RESPECTING THE PERMANENT WAY, &c.

I hereby certify that the whole of the Company's Permanent Way, Stations, Buildings, Canals, and other Works have during the past half year been maintained in good working condition and repair.

Engineer.

Date ______ 18 .

CERTIFICATE RESPECTING THE ROLLING STOCK.

I hereby certify that the whole of the Company's Plant, Engines, Tenders, Carriages, Waggons, Machinery, and Tools, also the Marine Engines of the Steam Vessels, have during the past half year been maintained in good working order and repair.

Chief Engineer, or Locomotive Superintendent.

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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

As prescribed by Act 30 and 31 Victoria, Cap. 37, to follow.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Date and Chapter of Act.

Title of Act.

- 3 & 4 Vict. c. 97. . "An Act for regulating Railways," in part; (in part.) namely,—Section Twenty.
- 5 & 6 Vict. c. 55. . "An Act for the better regulation of Railways, and for the Conveyance of Troops," in part; namely,—Section Nineteen.
- 7 & 8 Vict. c. 85.

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POOR LAW AMENDMENT, 1868.

81 & 32 Vict. Cap. 122. An Act to make further Amendments in the Laws for the Belief of the Poor in England and Wales (so far as it affects Bailway Companies.) [31st July, 1868.]

Demand of rate from a corporation or a company. 40. When a poor rate is assessed upon any corporation aggregate, joint stock or other company, or any conservators or other public trustees, a demand for payment, either made by letter sent through the post addressed to the clerk or secretary or other principal officer of the corporation, company, conservators, or trustees, at the office of such corporation, company, conservators, or trustees, or made personally upon such clerk, secretary, or officer at such office, shall be deemed a sufficient demand, and a summons for the nonpayment of such rate may be served in like manner.

INLAND REVENUE, 1868

31 & 32 Vict. Cap. 124. An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Inland Revenue (so far as it affects Railway Companies.) [31st July, 1868.]

12. In lieu of the duties now payable under the pro- As to stamp visions of any act or acts of parliament upon transfer of duty on transfers of debenture stock of any company, there shall be charged debenture and paid upon every such transfer a stamp duty of two stock. shillings and sixpence for every full sum of one hundred pounds, and also for any fractional part of one hundred pounds of the nominal amount of the stock transferred.

RAILWAY COMPANIES MEETINGS, 1869.

32 & 33 Vict. Cap. 6. An Act to repeal so much of The Regulation of Railways Act, 1868, as relates to the approval by Meetings of Incorporated Railway Companies of bills and certificates for conferring further powers on those companies. [19th April, 1869.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Sect. 85 of 81 & 32 Vict. c. I19, reas relates to provisions herein named.

1. Section thirty-five of "The Regulation of Railways Act, 1868," (which relates to meetings of incorpealed, so far porated railway companies and the approval by such meetings of bills and certificates for conferring additional powers on those companies) is hereby repealed so far as relates to any bill introduced into either house of parliament, or application for a certificate made after the first of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixtynine.

Short title.

2. This act may be cited as "The Railway Companies Meetings Act, 1869."

LANDS CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT AMENDMENT, 1869.

32 & 33 Vict. Cap. 18. An Act to amend the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act.

24th June, 1869.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the provisions contained in "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," should be amended:

Be it therefore enacted and declared by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the autho-

rity of the same, as follows:

1. Where in England, under "The Lands Clauses Costs of Consolidation Act, 1845," or any act incorporating the arbitrations, same, any question of disputed compensation is deter-party so remined by arbitration, the costs of and incidental to the quires, to be arbitration and award shall, if either party so requires, master of be taxed and settled as between the parties by any one superior, of the taxing masters of the superior courts of law; and courts. such fees may be taken in respect of the taxation as may be fixed in pursuance of the enactments relating to the fees to be demanded and taken in the offices of such masters, and all those enactments, including the enactments relating to the taking of fees by means of stamps, shall extend to the fees in respect of the said taxation.

2. Section thirty-three of the Regulation of Rail-Repeal of ways Act, 1868, is hereby repealed, and any proceed- 4, 119, s. 33. ings commenced in pursuance of that section may be continued under this act as if they had been commenced

3. Where any lands by the special act authorized to Provision be taken are situate within the city and liberty of West-respecting minster, then, with respect to those lands, in every case Westin which any question of disputed compensation is re-minster. quired by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or any act amending the same, to be determined by the verdict of a jury, the high bailiff of the city and liberty of Westminster, or his deputy, shall be deemed to be substituted for the sheriff throughout such of the enactments of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,

32 & 33 Vict. c, 18. i.

82 & 33 Vict. and any act amending the same as relate to the reference to a jury.

Short title.

4. This act may be cited as "The Lands Clauses Construction solidation Act, 1869," and shall be construed as one with the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860, and these acts and this act may be cited together as the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860. and 1869.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL, 1869.

32 & 33 Vict. Cap. 44. An Act to make better provision respecting Greenwich Hospital, and the application of the revenues thereof (so far as it affects the Hexham and Allendale Rail-[2nd August, 1869.]

14. From and after the thirtieth day of September, Provision as one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, the Hexham to Hexham, and Allendale Railway Act, 1866, shall be read and have way, effect as if the solicitor of the admiralty had been 29 \$ 50 Vict. mentioned throughout the enactments of that act instead c. 78 (local). of the controller of the Greenwich hospital estate; and the register of shareholders of the Hexham and Allendale railway company shall be altered (as far as is necessary) accordingly.

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COMPANIES CLAUSES ACT AMENDMENT, 1869.

32 & 33 Vict., Cap. 48. An Act to amend The Companies Clauses Act, 1863.

[2d August 1869.]

WHEREAS "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863." has been amended in certain respects as regards railway companies, and it is expedient that such amendments should extend to other companies:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Amendment of Part III. Vict. c. 118. as to rate of interest on debentura stock.

1. Part III. of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1868," shall be read and have effect as if the following words, that is to say, "not exceeding the rate prescribed in the special act, and if no rate is prescribed, then not exceeding the rate of four pounds per centum per annum," had not been inserted in section 22 of that act, and any special act of a company passed before the passing of this act, prescribing any rate, shall be read and have effect as if no rate had been prescribed therein.

Restriction on rate of interest on debenture stock already authorized.

2. Provided, that any debenture stock, the creation whereof has been authorized by a company, but which has not been issued before the passing of this act, shall not be issued on any terms other than those whereon it might have been issued if this act had not been passed, unless and until the issue thereof, on terms other than as aforesaid, is after the passing of this act authorized by the company in manner provided in section 22 of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863."

Power to issue debenture stock, subject to Part III. of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 118.

8. Any company having power to raise money on mortgage or bond by virtue of any act of parliament, but not having power to create and issue debenture stock, may create and issue debenture stock, subject to the provisions of Part III. of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863" (relating to debenture stock), and Part III. of the said act, as amended by this act, shall be deemed to be incorporated with the special act of every such company.

Advances to

4. Money borrowed by a company for the purpose of meet denen-tures falling paying off and duly applied in paying off bonds or mort-32 & 33 Vict. c. 48, i.

gages of the company given or made under the statutory 32 & 38 VICT. powers of the company shall, so far as the same is so cap. 48. applied, be deemed money borrowed within and not in excess of such statutory powers.

5. Section 21 of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," Power to shall, with respect to any company to which it is applic- issue shares able under the provisions of this or any other act, be at discount read and have effect as if the following words, that is to say, "but so that not less than the full nominal amount of any share or portion of stock be payable or paid in respect thereof," had not been inserted in that section.

6. Any shares forming part of the capital (whether Power to original or additional) authorized to be raised by any issue residue special act of a company passed before the present ses-or other sion which have not been disposed of may be disposed of capital at in manner provided by Part II. of "The Companies discount. Clauses Act, 1863," as amended by this act, and that part, as so amended, shall be deemed incorporated with

such special act accordingly.

7. Provided, that any shares, the creation whereof has Restriction been authorized by a company, but which have not been discount issued before the passing of this act, shall not be issued shares or on any terms other than those whereon the same might stock have been issued if this act had not been passed unless authorized. and until the issue thereof on terms other than as aforesaid is after the passing of this act authorized by the company in manner provided by Part II. of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863."

8. Provided always, that this act shall not be con- Act not to strued to alter or extend the provisions of any act relat-visions as to ing to share capital in respect of which the amount of capital upon profits to be divided is limited to a fixed rate per centum which the upon the paid-up capital of the company.

9. This act may be cited as "The Companies Clauses short title. Act, 1869."

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MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE, 1869.

An Act to shorten the 32 & 33 Vict., Cap. 55. Term of Residence required as a Qualification for the Municipal Franchise, and to make provision for other purposes (so far as it affects Railway Companies). [2d August, 1869.]

Proprietors disqualified from election reason of such holding.

5. From and after the passing of this act no person shall be deemed to have had or to have an interest in a panies, &c., contract or employment with, by, or on behalf of the not to be council of any borough, by reason only of his having deemed con had or having a share or interest in any railway comand not to be pany, or in any company incorporated by act of parliament or by royal charter, or under "The Companies from election offices by any municipal corporation shall be deemed to have been, or to be disqualified to be elected or to be such councillor, alderman, or mayor by reason only of his having had or having any share or interest in any railway company or in any company incorporated by act of parliament or royal charter, or under "The Companies Act, 1862," but all elections of councillors, aldermen, or mayors, as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to have been and to be valid notwithstanding any such share or interest as aforesaid.

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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS), 1869.

32 & 38 Vict. Cap. 70. An Act to consolidate, amend, and make perpetual, the Acts for preventing the introduction or spreading of Contagious or Infectious Diseases among Cattle and other Animals in Great Britain (so far as it affects Railway Companies).

[9th August, 1869.]

In this act (inter alia) the term "railway company" includes a company or Interpre-person working a railway under lease or otherwise.

30. Where a local authority, with the approval of the Continuance privy council have before or after the passing of this of defined act provided, erected, and filled up within a part of a part where port defined by the privy council as a place where foreign provided. animals may be landed, any wharf, lair, shed, market, house, or place for the landing, reception, sale, or slaughter of foreign animals, it shall not be lawful for the privy council (as long as importation of foreign animals at that port is allowed, but under restriction,) to revoke the definition of the part or parts of that port at which foreign animals may be landed, or to alter it so as to exclude therefrom any part of the site of such wharf, lair, shed, market, house, or place, except with the consent of the local authority; and if any railway company have provided, erected, or fitted up any such wharves, company. lairs, sheds, markets, houses, or places, the same may, with the approval of the privy council, be used for the purposes of this part of this act.

57. If any person exposes in a market or fair, or other Exposure for public place, where horses or animals are commonly ex-sale, transposed for sale, or exposes for sale in any sale-yard, port by whether public or private, or places in a lair or other of diseased place adjacent to or connected with a market or fair, or animals. where horses or animals are commonly placed before exposure for sale, or sends or causes to be carried on a railway, or on a canal, river, or other inland navigation, or on a coasting vessel, or carries, leads, or drives, or causes to be carried, led, or driven on a highway or thoroughfare, any horse or animal affected with a con-32 & 33 Viot. c. 70. i.

CAP. 70.

82 & 83 VICT. tagious or infectious disease, he shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this act, unless he shows to the satisfaction of the justices before whom he is charged, that he did not know of the same being so affected, and that he could not with reasonable diligence have obtained such knowledge.

Steamboat and railway companies, &c. to disinfect car-

62. Every steamboat, railway, and other company, and every person carrying animals for hire to or in Great Britain, shall thoroughly cleanse and disinfect, in such manner as the privy council from time to time by riages, boats, order direct, all steamers, vessels, boats, pens, carriages, trucks, horse-boxes, and vehicles used by such company or person for the carrying of animals.

If any company or person on any occasion fails to comply with the requisitions of any such order, such company or person shall on every such occasion be deemed

Water and food to be provided at railways to satisfaction of privy council.

guilty of an offence against this act. 64. Every railway company shall make a provision, to the satisfaction of the privy council, of water and food, or either of them, at such stations as the privy council, from time to time, by general or specific description, direct, for animals carried or about to be or having been carried on the railway of the company; and such water and food, or either of them, shall be supplied to any such animal by the company carrying it, on the request in writing of the consignor thereof, or on the request of any person in charge thereof, and the company so supplying water and food, or either of them, may make in respect thereof such reasonable charges, if any, as the privy council by order approve, in addition to such charges as they are for the time being authorized to make in respect of the carriage of animals; and the amount of such additional charges accrued due in respect of any animal shall be debt from the consignor and from the consignee thereof to the company, and shall be recoverable by the company from either of them by proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the company shall have a lien for the amount thereof on the animal in respect of which the same accrued due, and on any other animal at any time consigned by the same person to be carried by the company.

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If any company on any occasion fails to comply with the requirements of this section, they shall on every such occasion be deemed guilty of an offence against this act If in the case of any animal such request as aforesaid is not made, so that the animal remains without a supply of water for thirty consecutive hours, or other period not being less than twelve hours, as the privy council from time to time by order prescribe, the consignor and the person in charge of the animal shall each be deemed guilty

32 & 33 Viot. c. 70. ii.

of an offence against this act; and it shall lie on the 32 & 33 Vior. person accused to prove the time within which the ani-

mal has had a supply of water.

107. In proceedings before justices under this act, any Appearance railway company or other body corporate may appear by of comany member of their board of directors or council, or by any officer authorized in writing under the hand of any director or member of the council of the company or body.

RAILWAYS ABANDONMENT, 1869.

82 & 33 Vict. Cap. 114. An Act to amend the Law relating to the Abandonment of Railways and the Dissolution of Railway Companies.

[11th August, 1869.]

WHEREAS by the provisions of The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, as revived and amended by The Railway Companies (Scotland) Act, 1867, and The Railway Companies Act, 1867, a railway company may if their whole railway is authorized to be abandoned be wound up under The Companies Act, 1862; and doubts have arisen whether such company can be so wound up on the petition of a creditor or of any person except a shareholder, and it is expedient to remove such doubts and otherwise to amend the said acts:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament

assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows: 1. This act may be cited as The Abandonment of

Railways Act, 1869.

Interpreta-

2. In this act "the court" means the High Court of Chancery in England, the Court of Chancery in Ireland, or the Court of Session in Scotland, according as the railway was authorized to be made in England, Ireland,

or Scotland respectively.

Construction of act. 13 & 14 Vict.

Short title.

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3. This act shall be construed as one, so far as it extends to Scotland, with "The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850," as amended by "The Railway Companies c. 83. Act, 1860, as american as it extends to Eng-30 & 31 Vict (Scotland) Act, 1867," and so far as it extends to Eng-cc. 126, 127. land or Ireland with "The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850," as amended by "The Railway Companies Act, 1867," and those acts are in this act referred to as the principal acts.

Petition for winding up of railway company may be pre-25 & 26 Vict. c. 181.

4. Where a warrant has been granted under the principal acts for the abandonment of the whole railway of any railway company a petition for winding up the affairs of such company may be presented under The sented under Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867, by the company, or by any person who under the last-mentioned acts is autho-80 & 81 Vist. rized to present a petition for winding up a company, or by any person upon whose application the board of

82 & 83 Vict. c. 114. i.

trade may proceed in pursuance of section thirty-two of 82 & 88 VICT. The Railway Companies (Scotland) Act, 1867, and The Railway Companies Act, 1867, as the case may be, and for that purpose the railway company whose railway is so authorized to be abandoned shall be deemed to be an unregistered company which may be wound up under The Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867, and the provisions of the principal acts which remain in force relating to winding up shall be construed as if The Companies Acts. 1862 and 1867, and the winding-up provided by this

section, were therein referred to.
5. If the warrant for the abandonment was made on Application condition that the money deposited as security for the of deposit, completion of the railway, or the stocks, funds, or securities in which the same is invested, or the money secured by any bond conditioned for the completion of the railway, or for payment of money in default thereof, should be applied as part of the assets of the company, the court may, if it think fit, direct that such money, stocks, funds, and securities shall not be applicable for the payment of any debt, or part of a debt which, regard being had to what is fair and reasonable as between all the parties interested under all the circum-tances of the case, appears to the court to have been incurred on account of the promotion of the company.

Any person who provided such money or any part thereof, or who entered into such bond, may, subject to any directions or rules of the court, attend all proceedings under this section and other proceedings in the winding up, and apply to the court to act under this

6. Where the warrant for abandonment is made on Transfer of condition that the money deposited as security for the ass completion of the railway, or the stocks, funds, or secu- of bondrities in which the same is invested, or the money secured by any bond conditioned for the completion of the railway or for payment of money in default thereof, shall be applied as part of the assets of the company, the fol-

lowing provisions shall have effect:

(1.) The court in which the company is being wound up may order such money, stocks, funds, or securities, or so much thereof as is required to be applied as assets of the company, to be paid, transferred, or delivered out to the official liquidator, and unless the court is satisfied that the same or any part thereof are not required to be applied as assets, shall not order the same or any part thereof to be paid, transferred, or delivered out to any other person:

(2.) The commissioners of her majesty's treasury, upon

82 & 33 Vict. c. 114. ii.

82 & 83 VIGT. CAP. 114. the application of the official liquidator, made with the sanction of the court, may, if they think fit, assign the bond to the official liquidator, and upon such assignment the bond shall be deemed to have been entered into with the official liquidator in his official name, and with his successors in that office, and may, subject to the sanction of the court, be enforced accordingly:

(3.) Any bond so assigned may, after a sufficient sum has been paid thereunder as assets of the com-

pany, be cancelled by the court.

Saving for rights to residue of deposit.

7. Nothing in the principal acts or in this act shall affect any right to that part of the money deposited as security for the completion of the railway, or of the stocks, funds, or securities on which the same is invested, or of the money secured by any bond conditioned for the completion of the railway, which is not applied in payment of the debts and liabilities of the company, or required for that purpose.

Application for abandonment by judgment creditor. 8. Where a company, no part of the railway of which is open for traffic, has been required by any judgment or order of any court to pay a sum of money to any person or body corporate, and has made default in such payment, the board of trade may proceed under the principal acts, upon the application of such person or body, in the same manner as if such person or body were mentioned in that behalf in the said section.

Notices under sect. 17 of 18 & 14 Vict. c. 88. 9. The notice given in pursuance of section seventeen of The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, may, where there is no secretary of the company, or no office of the company, require claims or demands to be sent to such person or to such place as the board of trade direct.

Repeal of winding-up sections of 13 & 14 Vict. c. 83.

10. Section twenty-nine of The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, from "and they shall accordingly" to the end of that section, and sections thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, and thirty-three of The Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, and so much of section thirty-one of The Railway Companies (Scotland) Act, 1867, and of The Railway Companies Act, 1867, respectively, as amends the said sections, are hereby repealed, without prejudice to anything already done thereunder; and all proceedings commenced in pursuance of those sections shall be continued under the provisions of this act.

RAILWAYS (POWERS AND CONSTRUCTION), 1870.

83 & 84 Vict. Cap. 19. An Act to amend "The Rillway Companies Powers Act, 1864," and "The Railway Construction Facilities Act, 1864." [20th June, 1870.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Railway Companies Powers Act, 1864," and also "The Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1864:"

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present

parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This act may be cited for all purposes as "The Short title. Railways (Powers and Construction) Acts, 1864,

Amendment Act, 1870."

2. From and after the passing of this act, there shall Parts of be repealed sections seven and eight of the Railway acts herein-Companies Powers Act, 1864, and Part I. of the schedule repealed. annexed to the said act; and sections nine and ten of The Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1864, and Part I. of the schedule annexed to the said act.

8. Any railway or canal company, which for the pur- Powers of poses of this act shall include the owners, lessees, or pro-Board of prietors of any caual or inland navigation, may, in case it notice of desires to be heard by counsel, agents, and witnesses opposition against any application for a certificate under The Rail- lodged. way Companies Powers Act, 1864, or for a certificate authorizing any proposed undertaking under The Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1864, (each of which acts is in this act respectively referred to as the Act of Application,) lodge at the office of the board of trade, within the time prescribed by the schedule to this act annexed, a notice in writing to that effect (in this act referred to as a notice of opposition), in the forms set forth in the same schedule, with such variations as circumstances require.

Where a notice of opposition has been lodged the board of trade may nevertheless, if they think fit, proceed upon the application, but they shall in such case

33 & 34 Vict. c. 19. i.

25 & 24 VIOT. settle a provisional certificate in accordance with the pro-CAP. 19. visions of this act.

Every provisional certificate under this act shall be settled in like manner, shall certify to the like effect, and contain the like provisions in every respect as if the same were a draft certificate settled by the board of trade, under the authority of the Act of Application in a like case, but where no notice of opposition was lodged.

When any such provisional certificate is confirmed in manner by this act provided, the same shall have all the force and operation of a certificate duly made and issued by the board of trade, under the authority of the Act of Application, but previously to such confirmation it shall

not be of any validity whatsoever.

When any provisional certificate is settled under this act notice thereof shall be given by the promoters in like manner as if the same were a draft certificate under the Act of Application according to the provisions of such act in that behalf.

As to payuent of costs of orders. The costs of and connected with the preparation and making of each provisional certificate shall be paid by the promoters, and the board of trade may require the promoters to give security for such costs before they proceed with the provisional certificate.

Confirmation of Provisional Certificate by act of par liament.

4. On proof to the satisfaction of the board of trade that notice of such certificate was duly given in manner aforesaid, the board of trade shall, as soon as they conveniently can after the expiration of seven days after such proof, procure a bill to be introduced into either house of parliament for an act to confirm the provisional certificate, which shall be set out at length in the schedule to the bill.

If while any such bill is pending in either house of parliament a petition is presented against any provisional certificate comprised therein, the bill, so far as it relates to the certificate petitioned against, may be referred to a select committee, and the petitioner shall be allowed to appear and oppose as in the case of a bill for a special act.

The provisions of the act of this present session of parliament, intituled "An Act to empower Committees on Bills confirming Provisional Orders to award costs and to examine witnesses on oath," shall extend and apply to any select committee to whom any bill to confirm a provisional certificate under this act has been referred, in like manner and subject to the same conditions in every respect as if such provisional certificate were a provisional order.

The act of parliament confirming any provisional certificate shall be deemed a public general act.

33 & 34 Vict. c. 19. ii.

5. From and after the passing of this act, section 33 & 34 Vior. thirty-three of the said Railways Construction Facilities CAP 19. Act, 1864, relating to the gauge of railways, shall be Section 83 of and the same is hereby repealed, and every railway 27 & 28 Vict. made under the authority of a certificate under the said c. 121 act or this act shall be made on such gauge as shall be repealed. prescribed by such certificate.

Sections four, six, seven, and eight of the act of the Application session of the ninth and tenth years of the reign of her 4, 6, 7, and present Majesty, chapter fifty-seven, intituled "An 8 of 8 a 10 Act for Regulating the Gauge of Railways," shall apply Vict. c. 57. to any railway made under the authority of any such certificate as aforesaid, and to the gauge thereby pre-

scribed.

For the purposes of such application the provisions of Gauge of the certificate relating to gauge shall be deemed to be railways. included in the provisions of the said act of the ninth and tenth years of the reign of her present Majesty

chapter fifty-seven.

6. All enactments amending, perpetuating, or other-Amendment wise affecting the enactments described in Part IV. of of the schethe schedule to the said Railways Construction Facilities dule to Act, 1864, and which are now in force, or which may 27 & 28 Vict. hereafter become law, shall, in like manner and enhance c. 121. hereafter become law, shall, in like manner and subject to the like variations and provisions as the enactments described in the said schedule, extend and apply, as the case may require, to the railway, and to the company or persons empowered by the certificate under the said act or this act to make the railway, and shall in all respects operate in relation thereto respectively as if they were expressly repeated and re-enacted in the said act, save where the same are expressly varied or excepted by such certificate.

The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

Notice of Opposition.

In the matter of The Railways Companies Powers Act, 1864, and The Railways (Powers and Construction) Acts, 1864, Amendment Act, 1870. and

The application of the Railway Company for a certificate, the draft whereof is intituled [set out title].

We, the Railway [or Canal] Company hereby declare and give notice that we desire to be heard by counsel, agents, and witnesses

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against the granting to the above-named railway company of the powers sought to be obtained by them by the above-mentioned application.

Dated this

We, the

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Witness A. B.

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Or.

Notice of Opposition.

In the matter of

The Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1864, and The Railways (Powers and Construction) Acts, 1864, Amendment Act, 1870, and

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Railway. The (proposed) Railway [or Canal] Company hereby declare and give notice that we desire to be heard by counsel, agents, and witnesses

against the above-mentioned proposed undertaking. Dated this

Witness, A. B.

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Time for Lodging Notice of Opposition.

Notice of opposition by a Railway or Canal Company is to be ledged at the office of the Board of Trade, not later than the 1st day of August, or the 1st day of January, next succeeding the date of the advertisement of application, according as the same is published in the month of June or in the month of November.

CATTLE DISEASE (IRELAND), 1870.

33 & 34 Vict. Cap. 36. An Act to amend "The Cattle Disease Act (Ireland), 1866," (so far as it affects Railway Companies). [1st August, 1870.]

3. Every steamboat company, railway company, and Railway and other company, and every person carrying animals for other com-hire to or from or in any part of Ireland, shall the cleane and roughly cleanse and disinfect in such manner as the disinfect, &c. lord lieutenant by and with the advice of her Majesty's privy council in Ireland, from time to time by order may direct, all steamers, vessels, boats, pens, carriages, trucks, horse boxes, and vehicles used by such company or person for the carrying of animals.

If any company or person on any occasion fails to comply with the requisitions of any such order, such company or person shall on every such occasion be deemed guilty of an offence against this act.

4. Every railway company shall make a provision to water and the satisfaction of the lord lieutenant and her Majesty's food to be privy council in Ireland, of water and food, or either of railway them, at such stations as they from time to time, by companies. general or specific description, direct for animals carried or about to be or having been carried on the railway of the company; and such water and food, or either of them, shall be supplied to any such animal by the company carrying it, on the request in writing of the consignor thereof, or on the request of any person in charge thereof; and the company so supplying water and food, or either of them, may make in respect thereof such reasonable charges, if any, as the lord lieutenant and her Majesty's privy council in Ireland may by order approve, in addition to such charges as they are for the time being authorized to make in respect of the carriage of animals; and the amount of such additional charges accrued due in respect of any animal shall be a debt from the consignor and from the consignee thereof to the company, and shall be recoverable by the company from either of them, by proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the company shall have a lien for the amount thereof on the animal in respect of which the same accrued due, and on any other animal at any time 88 & 84 VIUT. C. 86. i.

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pany.

If any company on any occasion fails to comply with the requirements of this section they shall on every such occasion be deemed guilty of an offence against this act. If in the case of any animal such a request as aforesaid is not made, so that the animal remains without a supply of water for a longer time than twelve consecutive hours, the consignor, and the person in charge of the animal, shall each be deemed guilty of an offence against this act; and it shall lie on the person accused to prove the time within which the animal has had a supply of water.

REGULATION OF RAILWAYS, 1871.

34 & 35 Vict. Cap. 78. An Act to amend the Law respecting the Inspection and Regulation of Railways. [14th August, 1871.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Preliminary.

1. This Act so far as is consistent with the tenor Construction thereof shall be construed as one with the Acts men- of Act and short title. tioned in schedule two to this Act and with the Regulation of Railways Act, 1868, and those Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Regulation of Railways Act, 1840 to 1871; and this Act and each of the Acts mentioned in schedule two to this Act may be cited as the Regulation of Railways Act of the year in which it was passed.

Interpreta-

2. In this Act-

The term "railway" means the whole or any portion terms. of a railway or tramway, whether worked by steam or otherwise, which has been authorised by any special act of parliament or by any certificate under

act of parliament:

The term "company" means a company incorporated either before or after the passing of this Act for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, or working a railway in the United Kingdom (either alone or in conjunction with any other purpose), and includes, except when otherwise expressed, any individual or individuals not incorporated who are owners or lessees of a railway in the United Kingdom or parties to an agreement for working a railway in the United Kingdom:

The term "person" includes a body corporate:

The term "court of summary jurisdiction" means any "Court of justices of the peace, metropolitan police magistrate, jurisdiction in the peace, metropolitan police magistrate, jurisdiction in the peace of the peace, metropolitan police magistrate, jurisdiction in the peace of th stipendiary magistrate, sheriff, sheriff substitute, or tion." other magistrate, or officer, by whatever name called, who is capable of exercising jurisdiction in summary proceedings for the recovery of penalties.

34 & 35 Viot. c. 78. i.

84 & 85 Vict. CAP. 78.

Inspection of Railways.

Board of trade may appoint inspectors of railways.

3. The board of trade may from time to time appoint any person to be inspector for the purpose of inspecting any railway and of making any inquiry with respect to any railway or into the cause of any railway accident which the board of trade are authorised to make or direct, and of enabling the board of trade to carry the provisions of any general Act relating to railways into execution, or for any of such purposes: provided that no person so appointed shall exercise any powers of interference in the affairs of any company.

Powers of railways.

4. Every inspector under this Act shall for the purpose inspectors of of any inspection or inquiry which he is directed by the board of trade to make or conduct have the following powers: (that is to say,)

(1.) He may enter and inspect any railway and all the stations, works, buildings, offices, stock, plant,

and machinery belonging thereto:

(2.) He may by summons under his hand require the attendance of any person who is engaged in the management, service, or employment of a company as defined by this Act, and whom he thinks fit to call before him and examine for the said purpose and may require answers or returns to such inquiries for the said purpose as he thinks fit to make from such person or company:

(3) He may require and enforce the production of all books, papers, and documents of a company which he considers important for the said pur-

Extension of 5 & 6 Vict. c. 55. ss. 4 to 6, to new works.

5. The provisions of the Regulation of Railways Act. 1842, and the Acts amending the same, with respect to the opening of any railway, shall extend to the opening of any additional line of railway, deviation line, station, junction, or crossing on the level which forms a portion of or is directly connected with a railway on which passengers are conveyed, and has been constructed subsequently to the inspection of such railway on behalf of the board of trade previous to the original opening of such railway: provided always, that the board of trade may, with respect to any of the works in this section mentioned, from time to time upon the application of any railway company dispense with any notice which, under the provisions of the said Acts, is required to be given to the board of trade previous to opening any railway.

Accidents.

Companies to make returns of accidents to

6. Where in or about any railway or any of the works or buildings connected with such railway, or any building or place, whether open or enclosed, occupied by the 84 & 85 Vict. c. 78. ii.

company working such railway, any of the following 84 & 85 Year. accidents takes place in the course of working any railway; (that is to say,)

(1.) Any accident attended with loss of life or personal board of trade.

injury to any person whomsoever; (2.) Any collision where one of the trains is a passenger train ;

(3.) Any passenger train or any part of a passenger train accidentally leaving the rails;

(4.) Any accident of a kind not comprised in the foregoing descriptions, but which is of such a kind as to have caused or to be likely to cause loss of life or personal injury, and which may be specified in that behalf by any order to be made from time to time by the board of trade,

the company working such railway, and also, if the accident happen to a train belonging to any other company, such last-mentioned company, shall send notice of such accident and of the loss of life or personal injury (if any)

occasioned thereby to the board of trade.

Such notice shall be in such form and shall contain such particulars as the board of trade may from time to time direct, and shall be sent by the earliest practicable

post after the accident takes place.

The board of trade may from time to time by order direct that notice of any class of accidents shall be sent to them by telegraph, and may revoke any such order. Notice of every such order shall be sent to every railway company, and while it is in force notice of every accident of the class to which the order relates shall be sent to the board of trade by telegraph immediately after the accident takes place.

Every company who fail to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable for each offence to a

penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

7. The board of trade may direct an inquiry to be Inquiry into made by an inspector into the cause of any accident, of and formal which notice is for the time being required by or in pur- investigasuance of this Act to be sent to the board of trade; and tion in where it appears to the board of trade, either before or cases. after the commencement of any such inquiry, that a more formal investigation of the accident, and of the causes thereof, and of the circumstances attending the same, is expedient, the board of trade may, by order, direct such investigation to be held, and with respect to such investigation the following provisions shall have

(1.) The board of trade may, by the same or any subsequent order, appoint any person or persons possessing legal or special knowledge to assist 84 & 85 VIOT. C. 78, iii.

84 & 85 Vict. CAP. 78. an inspector in holding the same, or may direct the county court judge, stipendiary magistrate, metropolitan police magistrate, or other person or persons named in the same or any subsequent order, to hold the same with the assistance of an inspector or any other assessor or assessors named in the order:

- (2.) The persons holding any such formal investigation (hereinafter referred to as the court) shall hold the same in open court in such manner and under such conditions as they may think most effectual for ascertaining the causes and circumstances of the accident, and enabling them to make the report in this section mentioned:
- (3.) The court shall have for the purpose of such investigation all the powers of a court of summary jurisdiction when acting as a court in the exercise of its ordinary jurisdiction, and all the powers of an inspector under this Act, and in addition the following powers; namely,

(a.) They may enter and inspect any place or building the entry or inspection whereof appears to them requisite for the said purpose:

(b.) They may by summons under their hands require the attendance of all such persons as they think fit to call before them and examine for the said purpose, and may for such purpose require answers or returns to such inquiries as they think fit to make:

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(c.) They may require and enforce the production of all books, papers, and documents which they consider important for the said

purpose:

(d.) They may administer an oath, and require any person examined to make and sign a declaration of the truth of the statements made

by him in his examination.

(e.) Every person so summoned not being a person engaged in the management, service, or employment of a company, or otherwise connected with a company, shall be allowed such expenses as would be allowed to a witness attending on subpæna before a court of record; and in case of dispute as to the amount to be allowed, the same shall be referred by the court to a master of one of the superior courts, who, on request under the hands of the members of the court, shall ascertain and certify the proper amount of such expenses:

34 & 35 Vict. c. 78. iv.

(4.) The inspector making an inquiry into any acci- 84 & 35 Vior. dent and the court holding an investigation of any accident shall make a report to the board of trade stating the causes of the accident and all the circumstances attending the same, and any observations thereon or on the evidence or on any matters arising out of the investigation which they think right to make to the board of trade, and the board of trade shall cause every such report to be made public in such manner as they think expedient.

8. Where any coroner in England holds or is about to Appoint-

hold an inquest on the death of any person occasioned ment of an by an accident, of which notice for the time being is re-coroner. quired by or in pursuance of this Act to be sent to the board of trade, and makes a written request to the board of trade in this behalf, the board of trade may appoint an inspector or some person possessing legal or special knowledge to assist in holding such inquest, and such appointee shall act as the assessor of the coroner, and shall make the like report to the board of trade, and the

of a formal investigation of an accident under this Act. Railway Statistics.

report shall be made public in like manner as in the case

9. Every company shall annually prepare returns of Companies their capital, traffic, and working expenditure for the statements last preceding financial year of the company in accord- of capital, ance with the forms contained in schedule one to this traffic, and Act, and a copy of each return, signed by the chairman penditure. or deputy chairman of the directors of the company, and by the officer of the company responsible for the correctness of each return, or any part thereof, shall be forwarded by the company to the board of trade at the times following; (that is to say,)

if the company is an incorporated company, within fourteen days after the first ordinary half-yearly

meeting of the company held in each year:

if the company is not an incorporated company, or fails to hold half-yearly meetings, not later than the thirty-first day of March in each year.

Any company which fails to forward the said return in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which such default continues.

The board of trade, with the consent of a company, may alter the said forms as regards such company for the purpose of adapting them to the circumstances of such company or of better carrying into effect the objects of this section.

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84 & 85 VICT. CAP. 78. Penalty for

10. If any return which is required by this Act is false in any particular to the knowledge of any person who signs the same, such person shall be liable on confalse return. viction thereof on indictment to fine and imprisonment, or on summary conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

Miscellaneous.

Disobedience to or obstruction of inspector or court

11. If any person, without reasonable excuse (proof. whereof shall lie on him), does any of the following

things; namely,
(1.) Having been summoned, and having had the expenses (if any) to which he is entitled tendered to him, fails to attend as a witness before any inspector under this Act, or before a court holding an investigation under this Act, or fails when required by the inspector or such court in pursuance of this Act so to do, to make any answer, or to give any return, or to produce any document, or to make or sign any declaration; or

(2.) Prevents or impedes the inspector or such court

in the execution of his or their duty,

he shall for every such offence incur a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, and in the case of a refusal to make any return or produce any document, not exceeding ten pounds during every day that such failure continues; and where the offence consists of preventing or impeding as aforesaid, the inspector, or any member of such court, or any person called by him to his assistance, may seize and detain the offender until he can be conveniently taken before a court of summary jurisdiction, to be dealt with according to law.

Limitation of liability voyages in certain Caues.

12. Where a railway company under a contract for of Hability of companies carrying persons, animals, or goods by sea procure the on sea same to be carried in a vessel not belonging to the railway company, the railway company shall be answerable in damages in respect of loss of life or personal injury, or in respect of loss of or damage to animals or goods, in like manner and to the same amount as the railway company would be answerable if the vessel had belonged to the railway company; provided that such loss of life or personal injury, or loss or damage to animals or goods, happens to the person, animals, or goods (as the case may be) during the carriage of the same in such vessel, the proof to the contrary to lie upon the railway com-

Punishment of juvenile casting

18. The following Acts— The Act of the session of the tenth and eleventh years of her majesty's reign (chapter eighty-84 & 85 VICT. c. 78. vi.

two), "for the more speedy trial and punish- 84 & 85 Vict. "ment of juvenile offenders;" and The Act of the session of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of her majesty's reign (chap. stones, &c., or silvay ter thirty-seven), "for the further extension carriages, "of summary jurisdiction in cases of lar- &c. "cenv.

shall have effect as if there had been mentioned therein. in addition to the offence of larceny, the several offences

following

The offences mentioned in sections thirty-two and thirty-three of the Act of the session of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of her majesty's reign (chapter one hundred), "to consolidate and amend the statute law "of England and Ireland relating to offences "against the person;" and

The offences mentioned in section thirty-five of the Act of the same session (chapter ninetyseven), "to consolidate and amend the "statute law of England and Ireland relat-"ing to malicious injuries to property."

Nothing in this section shall affect any offence com-

mitted before the passing of this Act.

14. Section twenty-three of "The Regulation of Rail- Penalty for ways Act, 1868," shall have effect as if the words "after trespasses on railways. having once received warning" were substituted therein for the words "after having received warning."

Nothing in this section shall affect anything done be-

fore the passing of this Act.

15. Every penalty imposed by this Act shall be re-Recovery, covered and applied in the same manner as penalties im- dc., of peposed by the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and the Railways Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845 (as the case may require), are for the time being recoverable and applicable.

Application

16. In the application of this Act to Scotland-

(1.) The term "attending on subpœna before a court of Act to of record" means attending on citation the Scotland. Court of Justiciary.

(2.) The queen's and lord treasurer's remembrancer shall perform the duties of a master of one of the superior courts under this Act.

(3.) The term "stipendiary magistrate" means a sheriff or sheriff substitute.

17. The several Acts set forth in schedule two to this Repeal of Act shall be repealed to the extent to which such Acts Acts. are therein expressed to be repealed.

Provided that any inspector appointed under any enactment hereby repealed shall be deemed to have been

34 & 35 Vict. c. 78. vii.

84 & 35 Viot. appointed under this Act, and the repeal enacted in this GAP. 78. Act shall not affect—

(1.) Anything duly done or suffered before the passing of this Act under any enactment hereby repealed:

(2.) Any right or privilege acquired or any liability incurred before the passing of this Act under any enactment hereby repealed:

(3.) Any penalty, forfeiture, or other punishment incurred before the passing of this Act in respect of any offence against any enactment hereby

repealed:

(4.) The institution or prosecution of any investigation or legal proceeding or any other remedy for ascertaining, enforcing, or recovering any such liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment as aforesaid.

Commencement of Act. 18. This Act shall not come into operation until the first day of November one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one. Continued on page 574.

SCHEDULE ONE.

RETURNS. FORM I.

-Railway Company, of their authorized Share and Loan Capital, and the Sums received in respect of their Ordinary Capital, and Preferential Capital, and Debenture Capitals, showing also the Loans outstanding on the Sist December, 18—, classified according to 1h7 several Rates per Cent. of Interest, and the Capital subscribed to other Undertakings, whether such Undertakings are on lesse to, or worked by, the Subscribing Company, or are Stock, or Funded Debt, on the 31st December, 18—., specifying the Rate per Cent. of the Dividends for the year 18—., on each of the said , by the RETURN in pursuance of -Independent.

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Nors.—This return should be dated and signed by the officer or officers of the company responsible for its correctness.

* This should include all capital authorised to be raised by Acts of Parliament, or by certificates of the Board of Trade under the Rallway + In cases where a subscription is authorised out of existing capital, no addition should be made in respect of it to the sum entered in this Companies Powers Act, 1964; but should not include capital authorised only for purposes which have lapsed by abandonment or otherwise. column, but only to the sum entered in the last column.

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FORM II

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This return should be dated and signed by the Officer or Officers of the Company responsible for its correctness.

This should not include the length of those lines belonging to other companies over which the company have merely "running powers." should, however, include half the length of "joint lines."

Return tickets to be counted as two passengers, and children as whole passengers.

I goest here the actual number of ticket holders, and not an estimate of the number of journeys performed by them. * If the Company's accounts are made up to a period differing from the above, the period which this statement embraces should be stated.
† Insert here the names of all Railways the traffic of which is included in this statement.

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NAME OF RAILWAY COMPANY.	Line open on 31st Decem- ber, 18—‡	Maintenance and Renewal of Way and Works.	Locomotive Power (including Stationary Engines).	Repairs and Renewals of Garriages and Waggons.	Traffic Charges (Coaching and Merchandise)	General Charges.	General Rates and Govern- Charges. Taxes. Duly.	Govern- ment Duty.	Compensation for Personal Injury, &
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17.		Соленгия.	Other Vehicles attached to Passenger Trains.	Ŋ	
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10.	<u> </u>	Compensa-	tion for Damage and Loss of Goods:	બ	
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Nors.—This return should be dated and signed by the officer or officers of the company responsible for its correctness.

If the company's accounts are made up to periods differing from the above, the period which this statement embraces should be stated.

This should not include the length of those lines over which the company have merely "running powers." It should, however, include half Here insert the Names of the railways included in this statement.

In the case of Scotch railways "Feu Duties" should not be included under this head, but under that of "Miscellansous."

"Liegal Expenses" connected with compensation should not be included under these heads, but under that of "Legal and Parliamentary Expenses."

should not, however, include N.B.—This return should include sums paid out of renewal or reserve funds of any kind, and the amounts so paid should be stated under the several heads to which they are applicable, "interest on loans." :

SCHEDULE TWO.

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5 & 6 Vict. c. 55	An Act for the better regu- lation of Railways and for the conveyance of Troops.	Sections seven and eight.
7 & 8 Vict. c. 85	An Act to attach certain conditions to the construction of future Railways authorized or to be authorized by any Act of the present or succeeding Sessions of Parliament; and for other purposes in relation to Railways.	Sections fifteen and sixteen.

REGULATION OF THE FORCES, 1871.

34 & 35 Vict. Cap. 86. An Act for the better Regulation of the Regular and Auxiliary Land Forces of the Crown; and for other purposes relating thereto (so far as relates to Railways). [17th August, 1871.]

Power of of emergency to take posses-

sion of rail-

16. When her majesty, by order in council, declares Government that an emergency has arisen in which it is expedient for the public service that her majesty's government should have control over the railroads in the United Kingdom, or any of them, the secretary of state may, by warrant under his hand, empower any person or persons named in such warrant to take possession in the name or on behalf of her majesty of any railroad in the United Kingdom, and of the plant belonging thereto, or of any part thereof, and may take possession of any plant without taking possession of the railroad itself, and to use the same for her majesty's service at such times and in such manner as the secretary of state may direct; and the directors, officers, and servants of any such railroad shall obey the directions of the secretary of state as to the user of such railroad or plant as aforesaid for her majesty's service.

Any warrant granted by the said secretary of state in pursuance of this section shall remain in force for one week only, but may be renewed from week to week so long as, in the opinion of the said secretary of state, the

emergency continues.

There shall be paid to any person or body of persons whose railroad or plant may be taken possession of in pursuance of this section, out of moneys to be provided by parliament, such full compensation for any loss or injury they may have sustained by the exercise of the powers of the secretary of state under this section as may be agreed upon between the said secretary of state and the said person or body of persons, or, in case of difference, may be settled by arbitration in manner provided by "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act. 1845."

Where any railroad or plant is taken possession of in the name or on behalf of her majesty in pursuance this section, all contracts and engagements between the person or body of persons whose railroad is so taken

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possession of and the directors, officers, and servants of 34 & 35 Vict. such person or body of persons, or between such person or body of persons and any other persons in relation to the working or maintenance of the railroad, or in relation to the supply or working of the plant of such railroad, which would, if such possession had not been taken. have been enforceable by or against the said person or body of person, shall during the continuance of such possession be enforceable by or against her majesty.

For the purposes of this section "railroad" shall include any tramway, whether worked by animal or mechanical power, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and any stations, works, or accommodation belonging to or required for the working of such railroad

or trainway. "Plant" shall include any engines, rolling stock, horses, or other animal or mechanical power, and all things necessary for the proper working of a railroad or tramway which are not included in the word "railroad."

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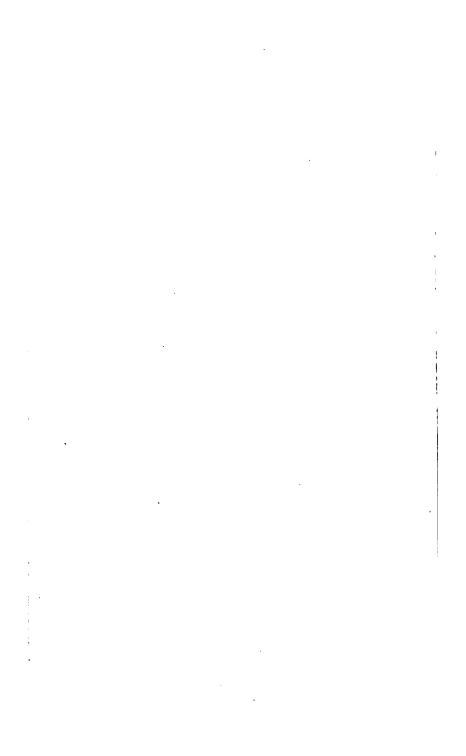
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